

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

SCHOLARSHIP

The Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ administers scholarships through its Preparation For Authorized Ministry Team of the Commission on Ministry.. These funds are made available from the Southeast Theological Scholarship account and provide assistance to those studying to prepare themselves for authorized ministry within the United Church of Christ or those discerning a change in their ministry within the United Church of Christ. These funds are restricted to those with membership in a United Church of Christ faith community/ congregation within this conference. These scholarships will be awarded directly to the recipient's educational institution or certification program provider and can be applied to tuition and fees.

- A. The Southeast Conference, United Church of Christ will use its investment income designated for student financial assistance as follows:

SCHOLARSHIPS – Scholarships will be awarded to Members in Discernment, Persons in Exploration, Licensed Ministers, Ministers Seeking Privilege of Call, and Authorized Ministers enrolled in appropriate programs in preparation for ministry. A scholarship would be awarded based on financial need, students in each of these categories: Master of Divinity in a seminary accredited by the Association of Theological Seminaries, Regional Theological Education Program or other recognized path to ministry program, a certificate program offered by an Association of Theological Seminaries School, or a continuing education program.

Eligibility requirements include but not limited to:

- Must be an active member of an authorized United Church of Christ body for at least one year,
- Currently enrolled in or accepted into an accredited program that is recognized by the United Church of Christ,
- Currently enrolled into or accepted into a continuing education program that is applicable to the needs of the United Church of Christ such as interim ministry training, Spiritual Direction Training, Clinical Pastoral Education.

Scholarships will be limited to one award in an academic year and maximum awards are as follows:

\$ 2,000 -- Masters in Divinity path

\$ 2,000- Regional Theological Education Program

\$ 600 -- History and Polity (some restrictions apply)

\$ 2,000 -- Certificate Program

\$ 1,000 ---Continuing Education Program

\$ 2,000 – D. Min Programs

Depending upon the number of applicants and the perceived level of need, awards may be made that are less than the maximum.

B. APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. A Scholarship Application (available through the Conference office or a Commission on Ministry representative) must be submitted to the Southeast Conference office for consideration (by mail or email). Scholarships will be issued on a rolling basis as funds are available.

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2. Application attachment – In addition to the application an applicant must enclose:

- Copy of letter of membership of your home congregation.
- One (1) to two (2) page statement describing personal faith pilgrimage, biography, educational and vocational plans
- Letters of recommendation/endorsement from your home church pastor or Board Moderator if you are the local church pastor and 1 letter from a colleague in ministry or your MID advisor if you are a MID and have had a mentor assigned.

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C. The Southeast Conference Preparation for Authorized Ministry Team of the Commission on Ministry will administer this scholarship. Any decision made by the Team may be appealed to the Commission on Ministry.

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICATION

Please attach a resume or curriculum vitae.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone Numbers: _____

Email Address: _____

School Name & Address: _____

School Telephone Number: _____

Dependents (Names and ages): _____

Home Church: _____

Address: _____ Pastor: _____

If now enrolled in an educational institution or program, give its name and course of study:

Are you employed full-time? _____ Part-time? _____

Name of Employer: _____

Address and Telephone Number: _____

For what academic term or level are you requesting assistance? _____

Where will you be enrolled? _____

In what degree or certificate program? _____ Full-Time? _____

For what authorized ministry are you preparing or do you hold? _____

Write a brief narrative about your financial need. (1-2 paragraphs)

Send scholarship application and accompanying materials to:

Mail: Southeast Conference UCC
PO Box 1950
Decatur, GA 30031

Email: office@secucc.org