



THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GREATER K.C. (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

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Dear CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICANT:

The Christian Ministry Scholarship Committee exists as a part of the Christian Church of Greater KC. This committee is made up of interested lay persons and clergy from throughout the Region who understand the financial demands of seminary training.

The committee meets twice a year to award scholarships to applicants who show interest and qualify. Most of the funds are generated from local congregations within the Region through individual gifts and special offerings.

If you are interested in making an initial application for scholarship funds, you will need to do so soon by requesting the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund application packet or the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund renewal application form from The Christian Church (DOC) of Greater KC (913-432-1414) or email: office@kcdisciples.org.

Remit **completed** forms to: The Christian Church (DOC) of Greater KC
Attn: CMSF
7600 W 75th Street, Suite 6
Overland Park KS 66204

- **May 1, (Annually)** is the final deadline for all required documents for the Fall Semester/Term.
- **December 1, (Annually)** is the final deadline for all required documents for the Spring/Winter Semester/Term.

NOTE: *No scholarships will be awarded without a completed application, and official transcript. It is preferred students be under the care of the Ordination & Standing Commission or the Commissioned Ministry Commission. Your Ordination packet will be mailed under separate cover upon request.*

For your convenience, we are including with this letter with the following forms for your use should you wish to apply:

Guidelines for Allocation of Funds

- o Application form
 - o Sample Letter for securing references
 - o Release of Transcript form
- Additional Scholarship Information (for other resources)

We hope this information will help you with your seminary plans. If you have further questions, please contact the Rev. Karen Yount at 816-322-0576, or the Regional Center, 913-432-1414.

Respectfully,

The Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Committee

“Following Jesus—Loving With Christ—Together”



A Global Mission Region

**CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OF GREATER K.C.**

Guidelines for Allocation of Funds

1. Applicants must be members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
2. Applicants must be those persons who have been nurtured within a local Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation within the Greater K.C. Region.
3. Preference will be given to seminary students who must be attending an accredited seminary, according to the standards maintained by the Association of Theological Seminaries. Secondary preference will be given for continuing education for Commissioned Ministers who are in good standing.
4. Applicants will demonstrate financial need for the scholarship, as determined by written application and review by the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force.
5. Applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from the minister of their home/ sponsoring congregation.
6. First time applicants must request one other letter of reference from references listed so that said letters will arrive in the Regional Office no later than deadline noted in accompanying letter.
7. Applicants must provide a brief statement (1-2 pages) outlining their concept of ministry and future goals for ministry. This statement is required for the initial application for funds and again as deemed necessary by the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force, if additional application is made.
8. Requests for funds should be made for no more than two (2) times per year.
9. Allocations of monies shall be made twice each year, with applications being received by dates noted in accompanying letter for either fall or spring/summer terms. Allocation checks will be made payable to the applicant **and** to the seminary or event being attended and will be mailed to the applicant.
10. Applicants must request a transcript from the seminary through the use of the "Release of Grades and Progress Report" form (attached) so that the "official" transcript will arrive in the Regional Office along with the initial application, and an "Unofficial" transcript will be submitted annually for renewal. First year applicants must provide a transcript from undergraduate and/or previous seminary work prior to the deadlines for application.
11. Information supplied by the applicant is confidential and will be used by the Christian Ministry Scholarship Task Force of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C. only to determine need in making allocations of scholarships to help prepare Commissioned Ministers.

APPLICATION FORM: Seminary Student

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Christian Church of Greater K.C.
 (Disciples of Christ)
 7600 W 75th Street, Suite 6, Overland Park, KS 66204
 Phone: 913-432-1414 Email: office@kcdisciples.org

FOR REGIONAL USE ONLY: Date Received _____
Action on Request: _____
Amount of Scholarship _____

Date of Application: _____

Amount of Request \$ _____

1. NAME _____ PHONES: HOME _____ WORK _____ CELL _____

2. ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

3. BIRTHDATE _____ E-MAIL _____

4. HOME CONGREGATION _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

5. ARE YOU UNDER THE CARE OF THE ORDINATION AND STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GREATER KANSAS CITY? YES _____ NO _____ IF NOT, ARE YOU UNDER CARE IN ANOTHER REGION? YES _____ NO _____

6. WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR LOCAL CONGREGATION IN THE GREATER KANSAS CITY REGION?

7. NAME OF YOUR LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL PASTOR? _____

8. EDUCATION COMPLETED:

HIGH SCHOOL	SCHOOL ADDRESS	YEARS	DIPLOMA-DEGREE
COLLEGE			
GRADUATE SCHOOL			

9. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION YOU WILL BE ATTENDING

NAME OF SEMINARY _____ ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

10. STANDING FOR TERM OF THIS APPLICATION PART-TIME _____ FULL-TIME _____

_____ 1ST YEAR _____ 2ND YEAR _____ 3RD YEAR

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11. HOW MANY HOURS ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE EACH TERM/SEMESTER?

FALL _____ SPRING _____ OTHER _____

12. ARE YOU A DEGREE CANDIDATE? YES _____ NO _____

13. DEGREE TOWARD WHICH YOU ARE WORKING? _____ YEAR _____

14. TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING NEED, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL.

ARE YOU MARRIED? _____ NEVER MARRIED? _____ DIVORCED? _____ WIDOWED? _____

HOW MANY DEPENDENTS DO YOU HAVE? _____ AGES _____

RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS _____

15. ESTIMATED COST OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

TUITION AND FEES _____

BOOKS _____

SUPPLIES _____

EQUIPMENT _____

OTHER (LIST/COST) _____

TOTAL
EDUCATION COSTS* \$ _____

*Note: Scholarship funds are limited to payments for tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses.

16. RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATION
(NOT TOTAL FAMILY INCOME/SALARY)

PERSONAL FUNDS _____

LOCAL CONGREGATION _____

HOME CONGREGATION _____

SCHOLARSHIPS _____

GRANTS _____

WORK/STUDY _____

GOV'T STUDENT LOAN
(GSL) _____

OTHER RESOURCES _____

TOTAL RESOURCES
AVAILABLE FOR
EDUCATION \$ _____

17. ESTIMATED NEED REMAINING \$ _____

18. WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO THIS EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING FOR MINISTRY?

19. REFERENCES

NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
NAME _____ RELATIONSHIP _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

20. WERE YOU REFERRED TO THIS COMMITTEE BY ANOTHER PERSON? _____

(NAME) _____

21. It is my intent to use any scholarship funds received from the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C. toward my training to be in professional ministry with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

APPLICATION* SHOULD BE MAILED TO:
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K. C.
7600 W 75th Street, Suite 6
Overland Park, KS 66204

***AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ATTACHED WITH APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED**

SAMPLE LETTER FOR THE CANDIDATE TO USE IN SECURING REFERENCES

(Date)

Dear _____,

I have applied to the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force of the Christian Church of Greater K.C. for scholarship aid in support of my seminary education for ministry within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Task Force will be meeting soon to make allocations for the coming school term.

I would like to ask you to serve as a reference for me. It would be helpful if you would write a letter indicating your knowledge of me.

The Task Force would like to have your reflections on:

- (1) my faith life;
- (2) my activities in the life of the church;
- (3) my ability to operate in an academic setting;
- (4) my goals in ministry which I have shared with you; and
- (5) your personal feeling about my decision to prepare for ministry.

Because time is short, it will be important for you to respond immediately. Please send your reply to:

Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force
Christian Church of Greater K. C.
7600 w 75th Street, Suite 6
Overland Park, KS 66204

I thank you for taking the time to do this. May God bless you.

Sincerely,

RELEASE OF TRANSCRIPT

The Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task force of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C., in awarding scholarship aid, works in partnership with the recipient and the institution of higher education. Since the Region must be consciously aware of its stewardship, and as an encouragement to the student, the Task Force requests that the student release a transcript of the student's grades from the seminary at the end of each year for which scholarship is received. First year applicants must request a release of transcript from undergraduate and/or previous seminary work.

Therefore, I authorize the Administration of _____
to release my transcript to the following:

Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C.
7600 W 75th Street, Suite 6
Overland Park, Kansas 66204

DATE: _____ NAME: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

You may request application forms from:

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Phone: 314-991-3000
www.helmdisciples.org/aid

DISCIPLES HOME MISSION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Warren Lynn
DHM Scholarships
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
PO Box 1986,
Indianapolis IN 46206-1986

Application process is on their website: discipleshomemissions.org. Scholarship information is under the Resources tab. Accepting applications January 1 – March 1.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GREATER K.C. – CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Monies in the Regional CMSF are to be awarded to members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C. who "are specifically preparing for ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at the seminary level." Applications may be requested from the Regional Center and must be returned to the Regional Minister by deadlines imposed. Request application forms from:

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MISCELLANEOUS

Scholarships may be available for Disciples seminary students from your own local congregation and from many other sources, including your local chapter of Eastern Star. You are encouraged to check out all possible sources of grant/scholarship aid.

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