Member-in-Discernment Scholarship Fund

Purpose of the Fund
The Member-in-Discernment (MID) Scholarship Fund is available to provide financial assistance to persons who are preparing for ordained ministry in and on behalf of the United Church of Christ. Recipients are required to be Members-in-Discernment with an Association of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ. Scholarship Funds may be used for educational, assessment and/or professional development programs.

Application Procedure
Members-in-Discernment (MIDs) shall make application for these grants to the Conference Minister at the address stated below. Scholarship Funds may be applied for on a rolling basis (any time of year), however, potential recipients should be aware that it could take a couple of months for approval and processing of their scholarship request.

The letter of application should include the following information:

1. Name of the Local Congregation in which the MID is a member;
2. Name of the Association in which MID status is held;
3. A listing of educational opportunities, assessment engagements, or professional development programs in which the MID plans to participate in the upcoming year;
4. Personal/household budget that offers a detailed accounting of income sources and anticipated expenses;
5. Itemized list of other awards or grants that are anticipated.

Conditions for Awarding the Grant
- While MID Scholarship Fund may be applied for at any time of year, MIDs are only eligible for one scholarship annually.
- The maximum grant awarded for each academic year may not exceed $2,000.00;
- Grant checks shall be made payable directly to the Member-in-Discernment;
- The Chairperson of Association Committee on Church & Ministry and Pastor of the MID’s local congregation will be advised of assistance provided to the MID by the Member-in-Discernment Scholarship Fund.

Report to Fund
MIDs receiving Member-in-Discernment Scholarship Fund grants are required to submit a written report on their academic/preparation for ministry progress to the Conference Minister within thirty days after the end of the year in which the scholarship was awarded. The MID may be asked for permission to share this report more broadly through various communication vehicles of the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ.

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