Seminarian Scholarship Fund

Purpose of the Fund
The Seminarian Scholarship Fund provides 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 and enrolled in a program of study at an accredited seminary, divinity school, or theological school. The Clergy Support Ministry shall be responsible for reviewing and awarding grants from this fund.

Application Procedure
Seminarians shall make application for these grants to the Conference Minister at the address below. A letter, which includes the following information for the upcoming academic year, must be received no later than July 15th of each year:

1. Name of the Seminary/Divinity School/Theological School in which the student is enrolled;
2. Name of the Local Congregation in which the student is a member;
3. Name of the Association in which the student is a Member in Discernment;
4. List of courses in which the student has enrolled for the next semester;
5. Personal/household budget that offers a detailed accounting of income sources and anticipated expenses;
6. Itemized list of other awards or grants that are anticipated in the current academic year.

Conditions for Awarding the Grant
- Grants from the Seminarian Scholarship Fund will be awarded in the fall of each year;
- The maximum grant awarded for each academic year may not exceed $1,900.00;
- Seminarians may apply for this grant in each academic year they are enrolled in an accredited seminary/divinity or theological school;
- Grant checks shall be made payable directly to the seminarian;
- The Chairperson of Association Committee on Church & Ministry and Pastor of the student’s local congregation will be advised of assistance provided to the student by the Seminarian Scholarship Fund.

Report to Fund
Seminarians receiving grants from the Seminarian Scholarship Fund are required to submit a written report on their academic progress to the Conference Minister by November of the academic year for which they were awarded. This report will be shared with the Clergy Support Ministry. The student 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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