

Application for Student Financial Aid
South Georgia Conference of The United Methodist Church
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Dear Friend,

One of the great strengths of our United Methodist connection is the investment that it makes in the preparation of clergy through the Ministerial Education Fund. Twenty-five (25) percent of the funds raised by the MEF apportionment remains in the annual conference for scholarship assistance for seminary and college students, who are certified candidates for ministry in the South Georgia Conference. It remits funds at the rate of \$150 per semester/quarter hour for seminary students (annual maximum of \$3,600) and \$50 per semester hour for college. Please note that funds are sent to you AFTER credit is earned and the academic claim form (enclosed) is completed and returned by the School Registrar's office. The only exception to this is when there is an arrangement with the seminary for the funds to go directly to the institution and the student's account, in which case the funds are distributed after the official drop/add day for the semester.

Enclosed you will find these documents:

1. Aid Application – The Ministerial Education Fund scholarship can only begin after we have received your application! You cannot receive funds for the semesters you completed before we have received your completed form with both your signed Service Commitment and your District Superintendent's signature.
2. Academic Claim Form – At the end of each semester, please ask the school registrar to complete this form and mail to the Office of Ministerial Services. Make additional copies of this form for use after each semester. Remember it is your responsibility to see that the registrar sends this form after each semester.

The intention of the South Georgia MEF Scholarship Program is to prepare and educate those who are already certified candidates for ministry and intend to serve in United Methodist ministry in the South Georgia Conference. In order to receive this aid, the student must agree to serve in the South Georgia Conference one year for every year they receive aid. They must agree to notify the MEF Chair promptly in the event that they decide to:

- withdraw from candidacy or the ministry
- withdraw from membership in the United Methodist Church
- decide to serve in another Annual Conference, or
- drop courses.

In that event, further grants will not be made without resumption of academic progress and intention to pursue a ministry career. In the case of seminary students, students must be enrolled in a seminary approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me using the information listed above. May God bless you and guide you in your life and your ministry. I am praying for success in your schooling and your ministry.

In Christ,
Rev. Dr. Jay Harris
Chair, Ministerial Education Fund

Applicant's Signature (required) By signing, you verify that you understand and intend to comply with the above policies.

**Application for the South Georgia Conference
Ministerial Education Fund**

Personal Information

Name (First, Middle, Last)

Current Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

School Address if Different

Phone numbers (beginning with best contact) email address

Social Security Number Age Sex Marital Status (Married, Single, Divorced)

Spouse's Name (if applicable) Do you have children? Give ages of each.

Do you have other dependents living with you? If so what is the relationship?

Indicate any special circumstances that the committee needs to be aware of

Education History

Name of Current School Full-time student? (yes or no) If no, # hours per semester

What degree are you seeking? What year? (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) Expected graduation date

List institutions previously attended, degree earned, or hours completed

Ministry Status and Future Plans

Have you been certified as a candidate for ministry? If so, when? What District?

If you are already serving under appointment, give the name of your appointment, your District, and clergy status

Are you seeking to become ordained in this Conference? As a deacon or elder?

How long do you plan to serve in the South Georgia Conference?

Service Commitment/Condition of Acceptance

As a recipient of Financial Aid from the South Georgia Conference Ministerial Education Fund, I agree to serve in the United Methodist ministry in this conference one year for every year I receive aid. I also agree to notify the MEF Chair promptly in the event that I decide to withdraw from candidacy, the ministry, or membership in the United Methodist Church, or decide to serve in another Annual Conference, or drop courses.

Signature Date

District Superintendent's Signature

By signing you verify the student's status and intention to serve in the South Georgia Conference Date

MEF Academic Claim Form
South Georgia Conference Ministerial Education Fund
PLEASE MAKE COPIES OF THIS FORM FOR FUTURE USE

Student _____ Phone _____ email address _____

Address (Street #, City, State, Zip) _____

Student's Classification (year in school) _____

Course #1 _____ Grade _____ Semester Hours _____

Course #2 _____ Grade _____ Semester Hours _____

Course #3 _____ Grade _____ Semester Hours _____

Course #4 _____ Grade _____ Semester Hours _____

Course #5 _____ Grade _____ Semester Hours _____

Course #6 _____ Grade _____ Semester Hours _____

Indicate which Semester and Year: Fall (20____) Winter (20____) Spring (20____) Summer (20____)

College or Seminary _____

Signature of School Registrar _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE.

Number of hours _____ X financial aid rate per hour _____ = amount of disbursement _____

Date Authorized _____ Signature of Ministerial Education Fund Chairperson _____

At the end of each semester, please ask the registrar to complete and mail to:

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