

UCC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR SEMINARIANS

One of the most cherished features of the United Church of Christ and our ancestral denominations has been a learned clergy. We have long considered rigorous practical and academic preparation essential for the pastors of local churches, as well as for people in ministries serving the church in other offices, whether as chaplains, administrators, or educators. In various ways we have worked to support their education and training. Today, that tradition continues through scholarships made available through the national ministries of the United Church of Christ for those preparing for ministry. Gifts from many generous congregations and individuals committed to the continued vitality of our church have funded these scholarship endowments.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR UCC SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS

To qualify for a United Church of Christ Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria unless otherwise stated:

- Membership in a UCC congregation for at least one year prior to receiving a scholarship
- Enrollment in an ATS accredited seminary towards a course of study leading to ordained ministry
- In-care of an Association or Conference at time of application
- At least a "B" average maintained
- Agrees to serve in the UCC or a partner church on completion of seminary
- Demonstrates leadership ability through participation in local church, Association, Conference, or academic environment

MAKE A DIFFERENCE! SCHOLARSHIPS

The Caring for Clergy Endowment created by gifts to the Make a Difference! Campaign makes provision for several types of scholarships.

Make a Difference! Seminarian Scholarships

The presidents of the seven seminaries of the United Church of Christ are invited annually to submit a nominee for a Make a Difference! Seminarian Scholarship. The amount of the award is typically between \$1,500 and \$2,500 per recipient. The awards are transferred to the seminaries and applied toward tuition. Recipients must meet the general requirements. Interested parties should contact the president of one of the seminaries of the United Church of Christ.

Make a Difference! Educational Support Awards

Each year association committees on ministry are invited to nominate their students-in-care to be considered for a Make a Difference! Educational Support Award. These awards of approximately \$500 are transferred to the recipients' seminaries to offset tuition, books, or other educational expenses. Recipients must meet the general requirements. Interested parties should contact the committee on ministry of the association where they are in-care.

Make a Difference! Doctoral Studies Award

The Make a Difference! Doctoral Studies Award is given annually to members of the United Church of Christ who are engaged in a doctoral studies program that would prepare recipients to be considered for a teaching position at a seminary of the United Church of Christ. Persons enrolled in a doctoral studies program may request a set of application materials. Make a Difference! Doctoral Studies Awards of approximately \$2,500 are made each year.

Make a Difference! Overseas/Global Partner Church Awards

A seminary scholarship for one student of an overseas/global partner church and for one international student studying at a UCC seminary are awarded each year. Continuing education funds for a clergyperson of an overseas/partner church are also awarded annually. These scholarships are given upon nomination by the Area Offices of our common Global Ministries/Wider Church Ministries and awards range from \$1,000 to \$2,000. For information and application materials, please contact:

Parish Life and Leadership Ministry Team
Grants, Scholarship and Resources
United Church of Christ
700 Prospect Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115
216-736-3839 866-822-8224, Ext. 3848
jeffersv@ucc.org

THE ADRIENNE M. AND CHARLES SHELBY ROOKS FELLOWSHIP FOR RACIAL AND ETHNIC THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

The Adrienne M. and Charles Shelby Rooks Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Theological Students was established to support the seminary education of members of the United Church of Christ from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in our church who are committed to serving the United Church of Christ and who are enrolled in a school of theology accredited by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada. Grants are also made to support doctoral study at accredited graduate schools for those seeking to pursue a scholarly teaching vocation in the field of religion. Grants are made to both full-time and part-time students and range from \$500 to \$5,000 annually. Grants may be renewed. Those interested in applying for a Rooks Fellowship should contact:

The Adrienne M. and Charles Shelby Rooks Fellowship
Local Church Ministries
700 Prospect Ave E
Cleveland OH 44115-1100
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All applications must be received by March 1 for the following academic year.

Who May Apply?

Master of Divinity Students: Any member of a congregation of the United Church of Christ who is from an underrepresented ethnic group (such as African American, Hispanic American, Asian American, Native American Indian, or Pacific Islander), who is enrolled in an accredited school of theology, and who has maintained at least a B average in all post high school academic studies may apply. Preference will be given to students who have demonstrated leadership through a history of service to the church and scholarship through exceptional academic

performance and who intend to become pastors and teachers within the United Church of Christ. Both full-time and part-time students are encouraged to apply. Applicants are expected to have begun the in-care process by the time of application.

Doctoral Students: Any member of a congregation of the United Church of Christ from an underrepresented ethnic group, who is in a program of study leading to a Ph.D., Th.D., or Ed.D. within a field related to religious studies, may apply. Preference will be given to those students who have demonstrated high promise of academic excellence, teaching effectiveness, and commitment to the United Church of Christ and who intend to become professors in colleges, seminaries, or graduate schools.

THE GARRETT TRUST FUND

The Garrett Trust Fund was established in 1946 to provide scholarship assistance for persons pursuing a seminary education. Seminarians enrolled full-time in a Master of Divinity program in an accredited seminary who wish to apply must sign a faith statement as part of application process. Students may make application throughout the year, as funds are available. The trust is held by Local Church Ministries and scholarships are administered through the Parish Life and Leadership Ministry Team. Scholarship awards range from \$600 to \$1,000 and are based on one time emergency financial need. For information and applications, please contact:

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THE CANNON ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP

The Cannon Endowment Scholarship was established in 1992 through a gift from Dr. Clinton Cannon. An army retiree and UCC lay member of the Washington-North Idaho Conference, Dr. Cannon appreciated the ministry of chaplains during his career and wanted to ensure the future availability of chaplains to serve military personnel and their families. The Cannon Endowment provides scholarship assistance to seminarians planning to become military chaplains. Applicants must meet the general requirements, or the equivalent, if they are from other faith communities. Seminarians who are of the following faith communities may apply: United Church of Christ, Christian Church Disciples of Christ, Presbyterian U.S.A. and United Methodist. Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis and typically will be in the \$2,500 range. For information and applications, please contact:

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RICHARD AND HELEN BROWN PASTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Richard and Helen Brown left approximately \$5 million to the United Church Foundation to establish an endowment to provide pastoral scholarships. The Browns had a long-term commitment to the United Church of Christ and were very concerned that pastors be adequately trained to minister in local churches. A large portion of the income from the endowment is used to provide scholarships for seminarians belonging to the United Church of Christ, part of it administered by the seven seminaries of the United Church of Christ and part administered by each of the member organizations of the Council for Racial and Ethnic Ministries (COREM). Scholarships up to \$10,000 are awarded annually. In large part, the legacy received from the Browns is a result of relationships built over many years by the Commission on Development and by local congregations of the United Church of Christ. Brown Scholarships are also awarded annually to a student of an overseas/global partner church studying abroad or in the U.S. and to overseas/global partner church members for continuing education leading toward professional ministry. The awards are given upon nomination by the Area Offices of our common Global Ministries /Wider Church Ministries and typically range from \$3,000 to \$6,000.

WILLIAM R. JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

In 2000, the predecessor body to Local Church Ministries, The Board for Homeland Ministries, created a scholarship for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender United Church of Christ seminarians in honor of William R. Johnson, the first openly gay man ordained in the United Church of Christ. The scholarship was established as a concrete way of affirming the long-standing conviction of the United Church of Christ that sexual orientation should not be a barrier to ordination. To qualify for this scholarship, students must be open about their sexual orientation, enrolled in an ATS accredited seminary, and have proof of both local membership in a United Church of Christ church and of In Care status. First-time applicants must exhibit exceptional academic ability typically demonstrated by a 3.0 GPA or better while in seminary. Specific written recommendations are also required. The scholarship is available to second and third year students. Scholarship awards typically will be in the \$2500 range. Those interested in applying for a Johnson scholarship should contact:

The William R. Johnson Scholarship
Parish Life and Leadership Ministry Team
700 Prospect Ave E
Cleveland OH 44115-1100
216-736-3849 866-822-8224, Ext. 3848

UCC SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS **ADMINISTERED BY THE SEVEN SEMINARIES OF THE UCC**

Each of the seven UCC seminaries receives funds from the Brown Endowment to provide scholarships to UCC students attending that seminary. Students are selected by each seminary to receive the Brown scholarships granted by that seminary. Additional information about selection criteria used by each seminary is available from the financial aid or president's office of the seminary.

UCC SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIPS ADMINISTERED BY COREM

COREM members include United Black Christians; Ministers for Racial, Social, and Economic Justice; Council for Hispanic Ministries; Council for American Indian Ministries; and Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries. Each member body selects scholarship recipients who must meet the general requirements. For more information about the application process for scholarships administered through COREM, contact:

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