

Section III: Member in Discernment (MID) Scholarship

Scholarship Application Process...

The Maine Conference Board of Directors authorized the Resourcing the Local Church (RLC) Committee oversight of Member in Discernment (MID) Scholarships. Funding for MID Scholarships is part of the Maine Conference Annual Budget.

- Scholarships are to be used for tuition payments solely for courses of study approved by the applicant's Committee on Ministry (COM).
- Funds will be disbursed directly to the educational institution
- Applications are reviewed at the June meeting of the Resourcing the Local Church Committee.
- Scholarships will be awarded in August and applicant will be notified of decisions by phone, email and letter.

Required Actions:

- Complete MID Scholarship Application Form by May 31.
- Complete an essay outlining how the scholarship will help you meet your vocational goals and objectives.
- Provide documentation of financial need.
- Provide a letter of reference from your UCC church pastor confirming membership, participation, and MID status.
- Return the completed scholarship application to:
Resourcing the Local Church Committee
Maine Conference UCC
337 State Street, Suite 3
Augusta, ME 04330-6122
- Scholarship recipients must inform the RLC Committee of any delays or extenuating circumstances, i.e. illness, course cancellation, etc.



MAINE CONFERENCE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST MEMBER IN DISCERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Maine Conference United Church of Christ awards a limited number of scholarships to Members in Discernment (MID) preparing to become Authorized Ministers in the United Church of Christ. The Resourcing the Local Church Committee (RLC) oversees the MID Scholarship process. Awards may be limited to \$1000 or less depending on the number of applicants.

Scholarships are to be used solely for tuition payments. Funds will be disbursed directly to the educational institution. Applications are reviewed in June by the Resourcing the Local Church Committee. If funds allow, a second round of applications may be reviewed at the October RLC Committee meeting.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Applicant must be a Member in Discernment (MID) with an Association of the Maine Conference United Church of Christ.
- Documented financial need. *Please enclose a page that includes the following:*
 - Amount of education loan debt to date
 - Projected educational costs
 - Financial resources, i.e., scholarships, fellowships, grants, gifts
 - The number of people in your immediate family you are supporting
- Letter of reference from the pastor of your local Maine UCC church confirming membership, participation, and MID status.
- Application materials must be submitted by May 31.

Applicant Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone(s): _____ Cell Phone: _____

Maine UCC church you are a member of: _____

Association of the Maine Conference UCC where you are an MID: _____

How are you preparing for authorized ministry in the United Church of Christ?

(Check all that apply.)

Name of accredited seminary/theological school attending: _____

Maine School of Ministry (MESOM)

Name of other theological education program or course of study: _____

When would you like the funds disbursed to the institution? _____

On a separate page, please answer the essay questions below. *In preparing your answers, consider the calling of ministry you have in mind (350–400 words).*

What are your vocational goals and objectives? How will this scholarship help you meet these goals and objectives?

Return your application and all required materials no later than May 31 TO:

Maine Conference United Church of Christ
337 State Street, Suite 3
Augusta, Maine 04330-6122

Or

By email to conference@maineucc.org.

Scholarships will be awarded in August, and you will receive notification via e-mail.

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