

# 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.
- The Resourcing the Local Church Committee meets up to six times per year.
- Deadline for all applications are **January 31, March 31, May 31, July 31, September 30, and November 30 each year.**

### Required Actions:

- Complete MID Scholarship Application Form – see next page.
- Complete an essay outlining how the scholarship will help you meet your vocational goals and objectives.
- Provide documentation of financial need – see application form for details.
- Provide a letter of reference from your UCC church pastor confirming membership, participation, and MID status.
- Provide a letter of support from your association's Committee on Ministry that recognizes your coursework as appropriate.
- Return the completed scholarship application with supporting documentation to [conference@maineucc.org](mailto:conference@maineucc.org) with "MID Scholarship application" in the subject line OR send via USPS to the conference office mailing address listed on the front cover of this handbook and include "ATTN: RLC" before the street address. (NOTE: the conference office will relocate in the near future, so you may need to find the new address from another source.)
- 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 on a rolling basis by the Resourcing the Local Church Committee.

### 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.
- Letter of approval from your association's Committee on Ministry for the proposed coursework or internship.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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