



Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) Application

Since 1968, the Ministerial Education Fund has helped thousands of people become pastoral leaders in The United Methodist Church by providing scholarships to seminary students pursuing ordination.

If you are a seminary student from the Nashville Area and are interested in receiving MEF, there are four requirements for eligibility:

You must be a certified candidate for ministry.

You must be willing to sign a promissory note indicating a willingness to provide one year of full-time service in The United Methodist Church for every \$3,000 of MEF received.

Your seminary must send a letter/email of enrollment if you are a full-time student or a billing statement if you are a part time student to the Nashville Area Office of Ministerial Concerns. Both the letter of enrollment and billing statement must be sent after the end of the drop/add period of your seminary.

Full time students are eligible for \$7200/year, (not to exceed \$21,600 over three years) if you are attending a school on the University Senate approved list of non-Methodist seminaries. Beginning in Fall 2017, full time students attending one of our United Methodist seminaries will be eligible for \$8200/year (not to exceed \$24,600 over three years).

Less than full time students are eligible for up to \$7200/year (not to exceed a total of \$21,600), the amount is determined by the billing statement received after the drop/add period has ended at your seminary.

If you have any questions about the application or the requirements for MEF Eligibility, please contact the Nashville Area Office of Ministerial Concerns at (615) 846-4430 or email omc@tnumc.org.

Complete, signed, and notarized application and promissory note must be submitted prior to August 1 to:

MEF
Nashville Area Office of Ministerial Concerns
304 S Perimeter Park Dr Ste 5
Nashville, TN 37211-4167
or
mef@tnumc.org

Personal Information			
First Name:	Middle Name:	Last Name:	
<i>Student Permanent Address</i>			
Street:	City:	State:	Zip:
<i>Student Address at School</i>			
Street:	City:	State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:	Email Address:	
Seminary Address to Send Funds		Seminary Financial Aid Contact	

Educational History		
Are You a Full-Time Student?		Number of Hours Required for Full-Time Status:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Type of Degree You Are Pursuing:
Number of Hours You Intend to Take in the Upcoming School Year:		
Fall:	Spring:	Summer: January:
Number of Hours Completed to Date:		Number of Hours Required for Degree:
Name of Seminary You Attend:		Is this a United Methodist Seminary? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Ministry History		
Are You a Certified Candidate?		Date of Certification:
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Orders Pursued:	<input type="checkbox"/> Deacon	<input type="checkbox"/> Elder

Signature:	Date:
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Service Loan Agreement

Name: _____

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I promise to reimburse the Board of Ordained Ministry, the awarded sum, plus interest at 3 per cent if I am not serving in the Tennessee Annual Conference.

It is understood that this obligation may be cancelled by one year of full-time service for each \$3,000 (or portion thereof) received, permanent incapacity, or death. [This service in the ordained United Methodist ministry shall commence after commissioning as a provisional member of the conference]. If the borrower serves in the effective relationship only a fraction of the necessary years, proportional adjustment shall be made.

Signature

Date

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, _____

Notary Public

My Commission Expires