

APPLICATION FOR SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP

Mission Giving & Outreach Committee
First Congregational United Church of Christ
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Date:

Deadlines: June 30 for Fall term and November 30 for Spring term.

Applicant Information

Full Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phone

Email

Institution Information

Name of Institution

Degree Program

Will you be enrolled full time or part time?

When do you expect to graduate?

Address

City/State/ Zip

Phone

Email

Contact Person

Describe your educational and career goals, especially as they relate to your faith journey. Include any other information that will support your request.

Note: see Seminarian Scholarship Guidelines (attached or on back)

Office use only: Confirm Membership Date: _____ Pastor initials: _____

SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Responding to the Holy Spirit, First Congregational UCC supports those called to serve the church professionally. Formally, the church does this in at least three ways:

1. By lifting up in prayer the names of church members who are training to serve the church in a variety of settings.
2. Through the In-Care Committee, charged by the Church Council to meet with candidates for ordination and to make recommendations to the Southeastern Association Church & Ministry Committee.
3. By providing scholarship assistance for church members in seminary degree and certificate programs.

The Mission Giving & Outreach (MG&O) Committee is charged by the Church Council to budget an appropriate amount annually to be distributed to church members who apply for scholarships and fulfill these qualifications:

1. Active or Associate Member for at least one year
2. Submit a completed application by stated deadline
3. Degree or certificate program through an accredited seminary or other institution whose mission is closely related to that of FCUCC

Scholarships offered:

1. Up to \$2000/year (paid by semester) for a Master of Divinity (MDiv) program (maximum of 3 years), typically required by those seeking ordination.
2. Up to \$500/year for the following programs:
 - Master of Theological Studies (MTS) or Master of Arts (MA) through a seminary (2 year maximum). An MTS is typically for those in joint programs or in preparation for doctoral work. An MA is for church professionals wanting to develop a professional emphasis.
 - Doctor of Ministry (DMin) program (3 year maximum), typically for ordained ministers wanting to develop a professional specialization.
 - Doctor of Philosophy or Theology (PhD or ThD) program (5 year maximum), for those training for professional academic work.
3. Up to \$500 to church members in a seminary certificate program or accredited Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) program.

Notes:

- If the MG&O Committee has a question about a particular seminary or program, one of FCC's staff ministers will be consulted to determine qualification.
- Scholarship amounts may be adjusted at the discretion of the MG&O Committee.
- Scholarships will be sent directly to the institution.
- Scholarships are not intended to assist with student debt relief.
- Applicants are expected to re-apply each year for a seminarian scholarship.