

**The Scholarship Committee  
California-Pacific Annual Conference  
Board of Ordained Ministry**

**ETHNIC MINORITY SCHOLARSHIP AID POLICIES**

1. The Board of Ordained Ministry through its Scholarship Committee shall be the administrator of all funds designated for Ethnic Minority Scholarship within the California-Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church.
2. Ethnic Minority persons who have been approved as Certified Candidates by their District Committee on Ordained Ministry and are seeking Probationary Deacon or Elder's Orders in the California-Pacific Annual Conference are eligible to receive funds if the following conditions are met:
  - A. Certified Candidates must be enrolled in a seminary approved by the United Methodist Church seeking to earn a graduate theological degree appropriate to the order sought.
  - B. Persons who have already qualified for Permanent Deacon's or Elder's Orders are not eligible to receive financial aid from this fund.
3. Persons may apply for up to \$1,000.00 in each of the following types of aid categories per year, and may be granted gifts of aid as funds permit:
  - A. Books and school supplies, computers and equipment needed to enable ones seminary learning. (Maximum of \$1,000.00 per year)
  - B. Tuition scholarship aid on the basis of need and funds availability as determined by the Committee. (Maximum of \$1,000.00 per year not to exceed three years in a lifetime, or \$3,000.00).
  - C. Emergency living expenses on the basis of need and fund availability as determined by the Committee.
4. The Committee requires that all requests be made in writing on the application form identified as The Ethnic Minority Scholarship Application. **Forms are available on the Board of Ordained Ministry website at:**  
[www.calpacumc.org/bom/schlarships](http://www.calpacumc.org/bom/schlarships).
5. Signatures of your present pastor (unless you are serving as a pastor-then so indicate), your District Superintendent, and your Financial Aid Officer are required.
6. It is to be fully understood that all funds from this Scholarship are to enable ethnic minority persons to become ordained Deacons or Elders and be available for appointment to a ministry church in the California-Pacific Conference. Persons who receive Scholarship Funds and fail to complete seminary; or decide not to become ordained, or drop out of the process, or otherwise change their career goals from ordained Deacon or Elder, then become ineligible for any grants from this fund.

All scholarship funds previously received from this Committee will then become loans and must be repaid to the Ethnic Minority Scholarship/Recruitment Fund. *Agreement by applicant, to these terms must be signed and dated by the applicant prior to submission of application. See **Agreement By Applicant on Application Form**.*

7. All Scholarship Applications received by the respective deadlines of: (FALL) September 1<sup>st</sup> and (SPRING) January 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered by the Committee. Committee deliberation is required prior to financial commitment being made; that is, no discretion to make such commitments is given to the Committee Chairperson, the Chairperson of the Board of Ordained Ministry or any other member of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
8. The Board of Ordained Ministry determines the dollar limits for each category of aid annually.
9. Applicants will be notified no later than sixty-days after the deadline concerning the status of their Application.

Submit applications to:

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