

XXI. Financial aid through the Ministerial Education Fund (MEF)

- A. Course of Study Schools Participants: Through the MEF, the Board provides partial scholarships for attendance at the Course of Study schools. Local Pastors enrolled in the Advanced Course of Study who are working towards Full Membership as an Elder in the South Carolina Annual Conference may apply for MEFunds for a maximum of three full seminary courses per year. The scholarship funds for Course of Study and Advanced Course of Study classes are to be paid directly to the seminary. Grades lower than "C" in the Course of Study will not be credited toward completion of the Course of Study program. Scholarships will only be awarded once for each course. (Scholarships will not be awarded to re-take a course.)
- B. Certified Candidates for Ordained Ministry: Through the MEF, the Board provides to qualifying certified candidates for ordained ministry (Pars. 304, 310-314).
- C. Application forms may be requested from the Chairperson of the MEF.
- D. MEF Policies and Procedures:
1. Certification as a candidate for ordained ministry is prerequisite to apply for MEF.
 2. Completed application must be reviewed and signed by the District Superintendent; then mailed to the accredited higher educational institution to confirm enrollment and returned to Chairperson of MEF prior to deadline.
 3. Each conference year application deadline is June 30 prior to fall term. Only one application is necessary for fall and winter terms. November 1st is the deadline for winter term applications only.
 4. Completed applications signed by the candidate, District Superintendent, and institutional representative must reach the Chairperson of MEF by the deadline. Scholarships are based on availability of MEF.
 5. Maintaining a "C" average grade is required to be eligible for additional loans in succeeding years.
 6. Undergraduate students who are certified candidates may apply for scholarship.
 7. MEF shall not be available for graduate work beyond the Master of Divinity.
 8. MEF Committee may recommend to the Board amounts to be used for enlistment, basic Professional education aid, continuing education, and Professional growth of ordained ministers.
 9. Information on United Methodist Student Loans and Scholarships may be secured from the Office of Loans and Scholarships, GBHEM, P. O. Box 340007, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.
Web: www.gbhem.org/home.html

MEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MINISTERIAL EDUCATIONAL FUND

South Carolina Annual Conference Southeastern Jurisdiction
The United Methodist Church

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State : _____ Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (cell): _____

Email: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

MINISTERIAL RELATION - Only certified candidates are eligible for scholarships.

Candidate selection:

- Deacon
- Elder
- Local Pastor

Application for:

- Fall (September)
- Winter (January)
- Summer (June)

INSTRUCTIONS (Please read carefully)

1. Read the application in full before filling in the blanks.
2. Applications must be completed for each new school year. Disbursements are made on a semester basis.
A new application is needed for the summer session.
3. Complete your portion of the application in detail.
4. After you have filled in your part of the application as accurately as possible, mail it to your district superintendent for examination and his/her signature.
5. Have the following persons sign this application.
 1. District Superintendent
 2. The Registrar of your School/Seminary in which you are enrolled.
6. Mail a copy of this application to Mike Alexander using the address below.
7. This application must be submitted **on or before June 30 for the full year or November 1 for winter term only.**

Mail this application when fully completed to:

The Reverend Dr. B. Mike Alexander, Jr.
PO Box 528
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION

(This section and the following section are to be completed by the applicant's institution and returned to the Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry at the address listed at the end of the application.)

School Name _____

Student Name _____

Student's classification as of _____;
Date

College: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Seminary: First Second Third Fourth year

Course of Study First Second Third Fourth Fifth

Is this student full-time? Yes No

How many hours are required for full-time status? _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Registrar

To whom should we mail the check: _____

Date _____

Signature _____

(Financial aid Official)

Title _____

Address _____

Mail this application when fully completed to:

**The Reverend Dr. B. Mike Alexander, Jr.
Chair of MEF, SC Conference
P. O. Box 528
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576**

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