

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

- A. **Course of Study Schools Participants:** Through 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 MEF Funds 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 retake a course.)
- B. **Certified Candidates for Ordained Ministry:** Through the MEF, the Board provides to qualifying certified candidates for ordained ministry (§ 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 the 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 1 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. gbhem.org/scholarships

MEF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND

South Carolina Annual Conference | Southeastern Jurisdiction
The United Methodist Church

Name: _____

Permanent address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

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

Email address: _____

School address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

MINISTERIAL RELATION – Only certified candidates are eligible for scholarships.

Candidate selection:

Application for:

Deacon

Fall (September)

Elder

Winter (January)

Local pastor

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.
 - a. District superintendent
 - b. The Register of the school/seminary in which you are enrolled.
6. Mail a copy of this application to the Rev. Sandra S. King using the address below.

This application must be submitted on or before **June 30**
for the full year or **November 1** for winter term only.

Mail or email fully completed application to:

The Rev. Jeffrey Salley
1005 Blockade Runner Parkway
Summerville, SC 29485
jsalley3@umcsc.org

EDUCATION

Name of Seminary/Course of Study: _____

Are you a full-time student? Yes No Number of hours: _____

Current year: First Second Third Fourth Fifth

Candidates for Ordained Ministry complete this section:

Have you been certified as a candidate for the ministry? Yes No

District: _____

Your relationship to the conference: Local Pastor Assoc. Member Provisional

Do you plan to serve as a pastor of a local church upon completion of your education?

Yes No

If not, what form of Christian ministry do you plan to enter? _____

Do you expect to become an ordained member of the conference? Yes No

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION

The District Superintendent should review the entire application and provide any additional information that may assist the committee. After signing, please mail 1 copy of the application to the appropriate student aid official at the applicant's institution, and 1 copy to the Rev. Sandra S. King).

Do your records indicate that this person is a certified candidate for ministry?

Yes No If yes: Elder Local Pastor Deacon

Date: _____ Signature _____
(District Superintendent)

District: _____

Address:

Phone: _____

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 (year): First Second Third Fourth

Course of Study (year): 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 or email fully completed application to:

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