

Congregational Leadership Fund Scholarship Purpose & Guidelines



Purpose

The purpose of this fund is to strengthen leadership capacities in Atlantic Coast Conference Congregations by providing assistance for continuing education of pastors & leaders, assisting short term congregational leadership needs, and resourcing faith formation initiatives that strengthen leadership. Bi-vocational pastors, small congregations, and congregations with less financial capacity will be prioritized as recipients of this fund.

Guidelines

1. The applicant must be a member of both the Mennonite Church USA and a congregation of the Atlantic Coast Conference.
2. Priority will be given to continuing education for pastors or lay leaders, faith formation and short term congregational leadership needs. In addition, congregations with less financial capacity and bi-vocational pastors will be prioritized as recipients of this fund.
3. Preference will be given to courses provided by a Mennonite college or seminary or by a Mennonite-administered pastoral training program and shall relate directly to congregational ministry. Other continuing education resources will be considered according to their relevance to the congregational context. Funding requests for sabbatical coverage will not be prioritized.
4. The applicant must have the endorsement of his/her congregation (i.e., elder or church council chair) and conference minister relating to his/her congregation.
5. The applicant shall have sought a financial commitment by the congregation via the conference minister relating to his/her congregation.
6. The applicant should be open to a personal interview by the Executive Committee, if the committee so desires. This may include an evaluation of the applicant's personal goals and commitment.
7. All grants/scholarships will be processed by and granted twice annually at the discretion of the ACC Executive Committee. Those received December—May will be reviewed in June, and those received June--November will be reviewed in December.

ACC Executive Committee
February 2019

Application for Congregational Leadership Fund

Applications are reviewed twice annually, and are due at the end of May and November for review the following month. Approved grants will be dispersed 1-2 months following review.

Personal details

Name

Today's Date

Street Address

Congregation (member or attending)

City, State, Zip

Job Title / Congregational Responsibility

Email Address

Preferred Phone #

Are you applying for:

- Continuing education assistance (complete section A)
- Short-term congregational leadership needs (complete section B)
- Faith formation initiatives and leadership development assistance (complete section C)

Please fill the corresponding section below and record the necessary signatures on the final page to complete the application.

Section A Continuing education assistance

Name of college, seminary or training program:

Course Title/Description:

Date of course(s)

\$ _____
Total assistance expected from other sources

Length of course(s)

\$ _____
Grant amount requested

\$ _____
Total cost of course(s)

Check payable to (individual, institution)

Brief description of how funds will assist you or your group increase in leadership capacity

Section B Short-term congregational leadership needs

Brief description of the current short-term leadership need of the congregation

What is the desired outcome; how will this grant promote effective leadership?

What are your plans for sustainable leadership coverage after this term expires?

_____	\$ _____
Projected duration of need	Total assistance expected from other sources
\$ _____	\$ _____
Total projected cost	Grant amount requested

Section C Faith formation initiatives and leadership development assistance

Briefly describe the proposed faith formation initiative.

How will this initiative build effective congregational leadership?

_____	\$ _____
Projected duration of need	Total assistance expected from other sources
\$ _____	\$ _____
Total projected cost	Grant amount requested

Applicant signature

Signature by elder/deacon or church chair

Signature of conference minister

Reviewed by Executive Committee:

Date: _____

Date Paid: _____

Action: _____

Check No. _____

Am't Approved: _____

*Please submit application to Brook Musselman,
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