

Native American Seminary Award

General Board of Higher Education and Ministry

The United Methodist Church

Office of Loans and Scholarships

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PURPOSE

To provide Native American students pursuing candidacy for ordination in The United Methodist Church an incentive to serve a Native American congregation or ministry/fellowship recognized by an annual conference of The United Methodist Church.

CRITERIA

Active member of The United Methodist Church **for at least three years**

Citizen or permanent resident of the United States

Born of Native American / American Indian / Alaska Native parentage (at least one parent)

Documentation of Native American tribal affiliation required

Accepted and/or enrolled in a full-time degree program at a University Senate approved school of theology

Be in the candidacy process for ordination

Demonstrate involvement with his/her Native American community

Demonstrate financial need

Applications are reviewed by representatives of the Native American International Caucus of The United Methodist Church, the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of The United Methodist Church and directors of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. The amount of the award will be based on committee review and funds available. If awarded, funds will not be sent to recipient until classes have started and verification of enrollment has been received from the registrar. The award is for one year; recipient may reapply. **Applicant will be considered for only one award from GBHEM funds during an academic year.**

The applicant is required to send the following with the completed application:

Official college or seminary transcript(s)

Letters of Recommendation: 1) pastor/DS; 2) a person who knows of applicant's community leadership; 3) a professor in applicant's major field of study (appropriate forms are enclosed with the application)

If the applicant is in the candidacy process, a Recommendation Form is to be completed by the District Committee on Ordained Ministry or Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry (appropriate form is enclosed)

Essay describing participation in projects and activities in your church and community, career goals, etc. (explained in full on application)

Documentation of Tribal Affiliation

FUNDS FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP COME FROM 50 PERCENT OF THE OFFERING RECEIPTS COLLECTED IN UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES ON NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY.

Applications may be obtained from the Office of Loans and Scholarships between January 1 and April 15 preceding the academic year the award is to be used.

Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by the Office of Loans and Scholarships in Nashville by the deadline date of **MAY 1.**

NATIVE AMERICAN SEMINARY AWARD APPLICATION

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Added to Computer:	
Date: _____	Staff: _____
Reviewed By: _____	
Date: _____	
Scholarship Code: _____	

APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DEADLINE DATE: MAY 1

- Are you Native American / American Indian / Alaskan Indian? () YES () NO
- Specify tribal affiliation (documentation should be provided with application) _____
- SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____
- Name in Full _____
First Middle Last
- Permanent Mailing Address _____
Street/Box# City State Zip+4
- E-mail address (please print) _____ Telephone #: () _____
- Male () Female () AGE: _____ Married () Single () _____ Clergy Dependent: (Y) (N)
- Citizen or permanent resident of the USA? _____ If Permanent Resident, list Alien Registration # _____
- Name and address of the college you plan to attend during the upcoming scholarship year:

School Name Mailing Address
- Hours required for full-time status at your college? _____ Enrolled full time? _____
If not enrolled full time, explain reason _____
- Expected seminary graduation date (month and year) _____
- Are you planning for the parish ministry? Yes () No ()
- Are you a full and active member of The United Methodist Church? () YES () NO
- What is the Date you became a full member** of the United Methodist Church _____
**The date you took the vows of church membership/date of confirmation Month Year
- Full NAME and MAILING address of the United Methodist Church where you are currently an active member:

Name of Church

Street/Box# City State Zip+4
- Name of Annual Conference where your church is located _____
- If you are currently serving a church give name and address of the church:

Name of Church

Street/Box# City State Zip+4
- What is your conference status? Ordained deacon () Ordained elder ()
Licensed to preach () **Certified candidate ()

Faxed or Photocopies of required documents and/or data will NOT be accepted.

Institutions of Higher Education Attended — list present school first:

Institution	Date attended from-to	Degree Earned	Major	Grade Point Average
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

List any academic honors, awards, etc., you have received (indicate the nature and conditions of each) _____

What factors, if any, should be taken into consideration in evaluating your academic record? For example: excessive work, illness, inadequate curriculum offerings, etc. _____

State briefly any paid employment you have had or now have:

Title of Position	Employed by	Type of Work	Dates
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Will you be working during the academic year? Yes No

Have arrangements been made for such work? Yes No What? _____

_____ Gross annual income \$ _____

If married give: Spouse's Spouse's
Spouse's name _____ occupation _____ gross annual income \$ _____

Name and ages of persons dependent on your income or that of your spouse _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

This statement—both income and expenses—must be completed before application can be considered. If you are a self-supporting student list

INCOME AVAILABLE to meet expenses for the academic year:

ESTIMATED EXPENSES for the academic year:

Funds in hand	\$ _____	Tuition and fees	\$ _____
Expected earnings	_____	Books	_____
Parental support	_____	Housing	_____
Loans*	_____	Food	_____
Social Security	_____	Transportation	_____
Veteran's or G.I.	_____	Personal*	_____
Scholarships	_____	Family support*	_____
Assistantships, rebates	_____	Other expenses	_____
Spouse's income	_____		
Other Income*	_____	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ _____

TOTAL INCOME \$ _____

**Please note: Itemize/explain on a separate sheet*

If your expense is greater than your income, how do you plan to meet the difference? _____

Please note: On a separate sheet describe any unusually high expenses. (Additional itemized expenses may also be listed.) Special circumstances that may affect your financial situation should be explained.

What grants/scholarships did you receive last year? _____

What grants/scholarships will you receive this year? _____

For what other grants/scholarships have you applied that are still pending? _____

How much do you owe in educational loans for prior years? _____

Will you be living on campus? _____ With parents? _____ Own household? _____ Other? _____

explain

TRANSCRIPT

Request all colleges you have attended to mail your official transcripts to Nashville **to be received no later than MAY 1**. NOTE: If you are a renewal applicant, request your seminary to mail the official transcript of your last academic work (with grades through Fall semester) to Nashville **to be received no later than MAY 1**.

STUDENTS IN THE CANDIDACY PROCESS

****If you are in the candidacy process, please have the enclosed form completed by your District Committee on Ordained Ministry or your Annual Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.**

TRIBAL AFFILIATION

Documentation of tribal affiliation, e.g., identification card, tribal verification/membership card/certificate or valid verification must be enclosed with your application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

List the name of the persons who will write your letters of recommendation on the appropriate line. **The recommendation forms are attached. It is the responsibility of the applicant to distribute the forms to the appropriate persons. All the completed letters of recommendation should be mailed to the Nashville office with the application.** If you have a question about this requirement, you may contact the Office of Loans and Scholarships by **e-mail: *umscholar@gbhem.org*** OR **telephone: 615/340-7344**.

- 1. **The PASTOR of the United Methodist Church where you are currently an active member.** *If you are a student pastor or a certified candidate for ministry, the letter of recommendation should be from your district superintendent or supervising pastor.*

Name: _____ **Pastor or DS** _____

Mailing Address: _____

- 2. **A PERSON WHO KNOWS OF YOUR COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP** _____

Mailing Address _____

- 3. **A PROFESSOR IN YOUR MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY** _____

Mailing Address: _____

APPLICANT’S ESSAY GUIDELINES

Attach a written **ESSAY at least 200 words** describing:

- 1. Your participation in projects and activities of your church — local church through national level
- 2. Your participation in projects and activities in your community
- 3. Your perspective on how you think higher education could better serve the cultural needs of your Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Indian community
- 4. Your career goals and how achievement of these goals will serve the Native American/American Indian/Alaskan Indian community

TO THE APPLICANT

The office in Nashville will **NOT** send an incomplete application to the Awards Review Committee. Read questions carefully to eliminate delays and the possibility of your application not being reviewed. Before mailing your application papers, read and check off the following:

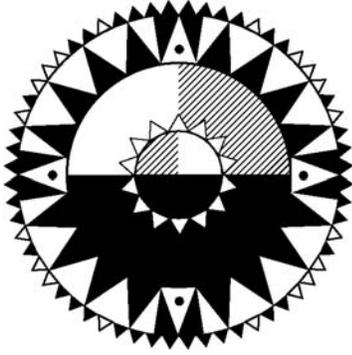
- 1. **If you are in the candidacy process**, have you enclosed appropriate form?
- 2. Have you enclosed your **tribal affiliation documentation**?
- 3. Is your **official transcript enclosed**?
- 4. Are your **letters of recommendation enclosed**?
- 5. Have you enclosed your **ESSAY / STATEMENT**?
- 6. Are you aware of the **deadline date?** (See **Front of Application**)
- 7. Did you remember to **sign the application**?

APPLICANT’S PLEDGE

I certify that to the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this application is correct and complete. I understand it is ***my responsibility*** to ensure all requested documents (transcript, letters of recommendation, essay, etc.) are received by the Office of Loans and Scholarships in Nashville **no later than the deadline date**.

Signature of applicant in full: _____ Date _____

Name of School: _____



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District Committee or Conference Board of Ordained Ministry Recommendation Form

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Note to person completing form: Your evaluation and recommendation are important to the scholarship committee. Your thoughtful response is requested.

The District Committee/Conference Board certifies that _____ (Name of Applicant)

is a certified candidate for ministry: elder deacon of the _____ (Annual Conference)

(or will be at the upcoming conference session) and recommend him/her for the Native American Seminary Award. If information is available, please complete the following:

In support of this recommendation we submit the following appraisal of the applicant's interest serving a Native American congregation, ministry/fellowship; the individual's financial need and resources, his/her leadership ability; and academic performance. Also provide information on opportunities for this applicant in your district/annual conference to serve a Native American congregation or ministry/fellowship. (Please use a separate sheet and attach to this form).

Signed _____ Date _____
(Chair of District Committee or Conference Board)

Address _____
(Street/Box #) (City) (State) (Zip+4)

Telephone # (_____) _____ E-Mail Address _____

Send to:

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Pastor's Letter of Recommendation

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If pastor or pastor's dependent, request the district superintendent to complete this form.

DEADLINE: MAY 1

Please type or print clearly

Name of Applicant _____ Social Security # _____

Address of Applicant _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip+4)

Recommended by _____
Name of UM Church where applicant is currently an active member

Mailing Address _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip+4)

Name of pastor or district superintendent Annual Conference

Pastor/DS writing this letter will please describe, in as much specific detail as possible, the applicant's involvement, experience, and abilities in the following areas: church/religious and Native American community. Provide information on whether student has an interest in serving a Native American congregation or ministry/fellowship in The United Methodist Church. Also, please provide information on opportunities for this applicant to serve a Native American congregation or ministry/fellowship in your district/annual conference.

(over)

What are the applicant's career goals and aspirations and his/her financial needs? Please share any other personal information that you think would be helpful to the selection committee.

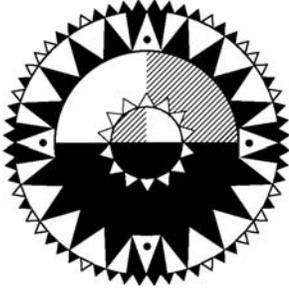
Signed _____ Date _____
(Must have signature to be valid)

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(Must be in Scholarship Office **no later** than May 1)

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Letter of Recommendation

Deadline: May 1

Please type or print clearly.

Name of Applicant _____ Soc. Sec. # _____

Address _____
street/box # city state zip

Recommended by _____
Name of the United Methodist church where applicant is currently an active member

Address _____
street/box # city state zip

title and profession

Person writing this letter will please describe, in as much specific detail as possible, the applicant's involvement, experience, and abilities in one or more of the following areas: school/college; church/religious; or community/social.

(over)

What are the applicant's career goals and aspirations and his/her financial needs? Please share any other personal information that you think would be helpful to the selection committee.

Signed _____

Date _____

Writer of letter will mail letter of recommendation to:

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