

# Leadership Development Scholarship Policy

## 1. Purpose

- The purpose of the leadership development scholarship is to encourage theological leadership development by offering study grants for education to leaders intending to serve within EMC churches and Conference.
- Funds may be applied to any Christian college/university or seminary/graduate school approved by the Board of Leadership and Outreach.
- Funds will normally be applied to a degree program, not on-going professional development seminars and conferences.
- Funds will normally go toward degrees in theological and biblical education preparing the pastor or missionary for vocational ministry in the church.

## 2. Eligibility

- The Leadership Development Scholarship is available to EMC ministers, missionaries and seminary students involved in or aspiring to church related vocations in the EMC conference. Mature Bible College students may also be considered. Applicants will have:
  - a. Leadership aspirations and capacity
  - b. A sense of calling and discernment
  - c. A demonstrated ability affirmed by their church
  - d. An official letter of recommendation from the home church re: all of the above

## 3. Assistance Level

- Undergraduate students taking 12 or more credits per semester are eligible to receive up to \$1,500 per semester.
- Graduate students are eligible to receive up to \$2,000 per semester
- Students taking part-time studies are eligible to receive a pro-rated scholarship.
- Local churches are encouraged to consider matching the scholarship.

## 4. Application Process

- **Scholarship application** and registration **forms** are available from the Conference office.
- The deadline for application is October 15.
- The application process has two steps.
  - Step One: Submit an application form along with a letter of endorsement from your home congregation. This is a one-time application and does not need to be repeated in subsequent years in the same degree.
  - Step Two: Submit a registration form signed by your school registrar confirming the number and type of courses you have taken in the past calendar year. This step is repeated each year the scholarship is sought.
- The Board of Leadership and Outreach and the Board of Missions will review the applications and award the scholarships by December 1.
- Scholarship recipients will receive a T4 for the amount of the scholarship.

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## APPLICATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Insurance No. \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Marital status** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of Spouse** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Education

Schools attended	Degree achieved	Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### 3. Occupational experience

Employer	Position	Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

**4. Christian service experience.** Please summarize positions held as minister, deacon, youth leader, missionary or volunteer worker.

Church/Organization	Position	Year
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

### 5. Educational Plans

School \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address \_\_\_\_\_

Program \_\_\_\_\_ Duration \_\_\_\_\_

Year in program \_\_\_\_\_ Number of credit hours this year/semester \_\_\_\_\_

6. Are you in agreement with the EMC Statement of Faith? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Have you read the Leadership Development Scholarship guidelines? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Home church \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

9. Give a brief description of how you came to know God's call to ministry. Tell us why you believe this call requires more education. How do you expect education to change your ministry? (please limit your response to 500 words).

**Testimony**

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## STUDENT REGISTRATION RECORD

(Please submit by October 15)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the dates when you expect to begin studies and when you expect to graduate or conclude studies.

Commencement of Studies \_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion of Studies \_\_\_\_\_

Courses for which you have registered	Credit hours	Tuition Cost
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Please state the number of courses, units, hours, etc., constituting a full academic year at the institution you are attending.

Credit hours required to graduate \_\_\_\_\_

Credit hours per year (full course load) \_\_\_\_\_

Registrar or designate signature \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_