



# Pass the Torch Scholarship Application

- Part-time seminary student
- Full-time seminary student

The Pass the Torch scholarships are provided by the Retired Ministers, their spouses, and surviving spouses of the Great Plains Conference of The United Methodist Church. Since 1991, scholarships have been given to women and men attending seminary. The retired ministers, their families, and many other persons have seen this need and have given in memory and in honor of a Christian brother or sister. Only the interest from the scholarship fund is used for scholarships.

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT**

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: Month \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_

E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

If married, please give a brief statement about your family: \_\_\_\_\_

I have been a member of The United Methodist Church for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

My home church is \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

My current status in the ministry process is: \_\_\_\_\_

I graduated from college (or school) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for a scholarship for the following school year: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of seminary \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Seminary address \_\_\_\_\_

I am pursuing a \_\_\_\_\_ degree.

I have earned \_\_\_\_\_ credits toward my degree. I have \_\_\_\_\_ required credits remaining.

During the upcoming year, I am planning to take \_\_\_\_\_ hours during the fall semester.

During the upcoming year, I am planning to take \_\_\_\_\_ hours during the spring semester.

Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Family and Schooling Annual Income**

Income From non-church employment ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Income from church work (part-time or full-time appointment) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship or grant income ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's income ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other support ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please share briefly your plans for ministry following graduation from seminary.**

**I have read the eligibility guidelines for Pass the Torch Scholarships and have completed the application to the best of my ability.**

**I plan to return to the Great Plains Conference of The United Methodist Church following my graduation from seminary and will serve in the pastoral ministry under an appointment from the bishop for a period of five years. This ministry may assume many forms, i.e., pastoral ministry or appointment beyond the local church.**

Maximum scholarship for a Full-Time Seminary Student is \$1,000 per year.

**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_

The **deadline for receiving applications is July 15**. Please return the completed application to the Rev. Gary Beach at [gbeach@greatplainsumc.org](mailto:gbeach@greatplainsumc.org).

## **Pass the Torch Scholarship Eligibility Guidelines**

- A. The applicant must have been a full member of The United Methodist Church for at least one year.
- B. The scholarship is limited to a seminary student who:
  - (a) Is from the Great Plains Conference of The United Methodist Church.
  - (b) Is a certified candidate for ministry by the District or Conference Board of Ordained Ministry.
  - (c) Is enrolled in seminary as a full time or part time degree candidate in a seminary approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church.
- C. Scholarship applications for college, undergraduate study, post-graduate study beyond seminary, or Course of Study will not be considered.
- D. Preference will be made for a student attending a United Methodist seminary over a non-United Methodist Seminary and candidates from or serving church in the Great Plains Conference of The United Methodist Church. The committee reserves the right to take unusual circumstances into account if such are present when a final decision is made.
- E. The scholarship will be for one year only. To be considered for any subsequent years, another application must be submitted.
- F. Financial need will be among the criteria for granting the scholarship. If the applicant is the recipient of other scholarship aid, that also becomes a factor in granting the scholarship.
- G. Payment of the scholarship will be made directly to the seminary where the student is enrolled.
- H. This fund will be under the direction and control of the Pass the Torch Committee. The Committee will make any final decision on the awarding of the scholarship to an applicant. The Committee may seek advice and counsel of the Bishop and Appointive Cabinet or any other group or agency to help with any final decisions if it so chooses.
- I. If any other pertinent factors arise as the program develops, the Pass the Torch Committee reserves the right to change or amend or adapt the program to meet such needs as it may choose.