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EMMANUEL SCHOLARSHIP FUND POLICY

The **Emmanuel Scholarship Fund** is a permanently restricted Massachusetts Conference endowment fund; the income of this fund is distributed by the Committee on Church and Ministry of the Hampden Association. The fund was established in 1999 with funds from the former Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Springfield, Massachusetts, for the benefit of seminary students participating in the Members in Discernment program of the Hampden Association. Any undistributed earnings are available for continuing education grants to clergy with ecclesiastical standing in the Hampden Association.

The Hampden Association will use the criteria below in determining grants. Actual payment will be made by the Conference office to educational institutions upon written notification by the Chair of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Hampden Association. Changes in the guidelines may only be made by vote of the Massachusetts Conference Board of Directors.

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Members in Discernment
 - A. Must apply to Chair of Committee on Church and Ministry with approval of their Association appointed advisor. Separate applications must be submitted for each semester (fall and spring) each year.
 - B. Grants from Emmanuel Scholarship Fund are based on available funds and will ordinarily be for not less than \$1,000 per academic year.
 - C. Full - time students will be given priority over part - time students.
 - D. Three Courses per semester will be considered full - time.
 - E. The Committee on Church and Ministry will review applications and award appropriate scholarships.
 - F. Grants will be sent directly to educational institutions.
2. Continuing Education Programs For Hampden Association Clergy
 - A. Continuing Education requests should be sent to the Chair of the Committee on Church and Ministry with validation by the Registrar of ecclesiastical standing in the Hampden Association.
 - B. Ministers can apply for grants of from \$500 to \$1,500 per academic year, depending on availability of funds.
 - C. For new candidates, priority will be given to degree programs as such as DMin, PHD, MA, MS, Pastoral Counseling, CPE, and Certification. Other programs will be considered; limited to the funds available.
 - D. The Committee on Church and Ministry will review applications and award appropriate scholarships.