

Instructions – Applying for MEF Scholarships

For the 2024-2025 academic year and continuing forward, The NC Annual Conference will partner with the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry (GBHEM) to facilitate the Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) application process.

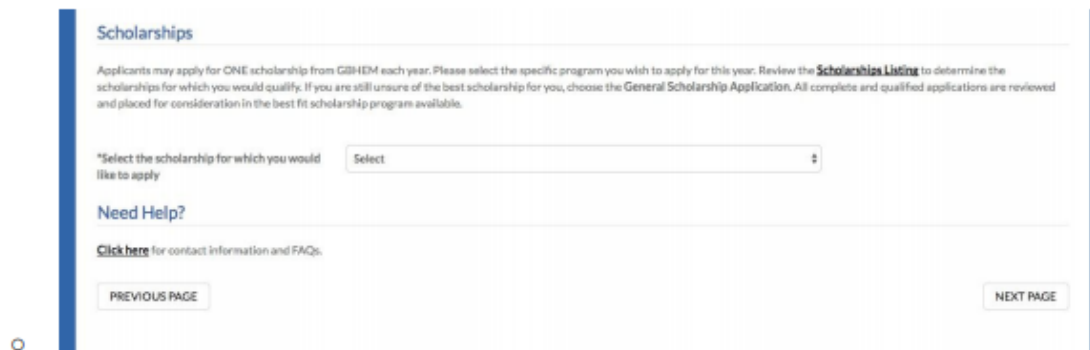
For questions, please contact [Becki Leeland at registrar@nccumc.org](mailto:Becki.Leeland@nccumc.org), Mary Hix at mhix@gbhem.org, or email GBHEM using the information found on their webpage (<https://www.gbhem.org/about/contact>).

The online application will be available beginning **December 15, 2023**. The deadline is **March 13, 2024** for the 2024-25 Academic Year. ALL PORTIONS of the application must be completed by that date to be considered a complete application and reviewable by the MEF Committee.

Visit [GBHEM Scholarship Application](#)

If you are new to the website, you will need to 'Register Now' so that you may log in.

- Upon visiting the **'Welcome'** tab - select **'Applicant'**.
- Scroll to the bottom of this page to see **'Scholarships'** **'NCCUMC MEF - North Carolina Ministerial Education Fund'**



- Once this scholarship is selected, the online application will adjust so that you may complete everything we've previously required for this scholarship.

In addition to applying for the MEF scholarship, you will also be considered by GBHEM for any additional scholarship funds they have available.

IMPORTANT – If you do not select “NCCUMC MEF – North Carolina Ministerial Education Fund”, you may not be prompted to complete the full application, which requires a budget as well as a sermon or devotion. This is a required step of the application. Please be sure to select the correct scholarship to apply for.

North Carolina Conference
Ministerial Education Funds: Eligibility

1. Aid may be granted to students during their junior and senior years in undergraduate school, and in each of their seminary years while working on the basic degree for ordination.
2. Applicants must be Certified Candidates (appeared before and approved by their District Committee on Ordained Ministry).
3. Students must be enrolled as “full-time” students. Full-time means twelve (12) hours minimum in undergraduate school, and nine (9) hours minimum in seminary per semester. Exceptions related to certified medical disabilities will be considered.
4. Students must attend a University Senate approved school. A list of these schools can be found by visiting:
<http://www.gbhem.org/education/seminary/approved-seminaries>
5. Students must maintain an overall “C” average throughout their academic career. Students must submit a transcript to the Office of Clergy Life following each semester.
6. Students must intend to serve in the North Carolina Conference, or within the Connection, for at least five years.
7. Aid may not be extended to graduate students in Ph.D., D. Min., Th. M. or other degrees beyond the basic degree.

All Certified Candidates who meet the above requirements will receive at least \$1,000 dollars per year. Additional scholarships will be determined by the NC Conference Scholarship Team, which will meet in July to determine scholarship amounts. Recipients will need to complete the MEF application each year, in order to receive funding.