



BLACK CLERGY NETWORK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Post-Secondary Scholarship

Through the generosity of United Church people, communities of faith, theological schools, General Council, and more, The United Church of Canada Foundation and The Black Clergy Network are pleased to announce the Black Clergy Network Scholarship program.

The program, consisting of three Scholarship streams, is intended to foster and support Black people, United Church Theological Students, and Clergy in The United Church of Canada.

This application is for the ***Post-Secondary Scholarship***, which is open to any academic discipline at the undergraduate or postgraduate level, provided the applicant's goals align with the values of the United Church of Canada:

1. Candidate must be enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies. Priority is given to students demonstrating both financial need and academic excellence. Financial need will be assessed through income documentation and a personal financial statement. Academic excellence will be evaluated based on a minimum GPA threshold (e.g., 3.0/4.0 or equivalent) and demonstrated commitment to educational goals.
2. Black people who are part of, or affiliated with, the United Church of Canada. (Affiliation with the UCC includes membership in a UCC congregation, regular participation in UCC-sponsored events, or familial sponsorship by a UCC member. This includes children in the legal care of UCC-affiliated individuals), who are pursuing post-secondary education. The goal of the Scholarship is to serve the broader church.

The successful candidate can apply for the scholarship up to 2 times and receive it up to 2 times.

The individual maximum amount for applicants is **\$5000**.

Application and all supporting documentation must be submitted prior to 11:55 p.m. on March 15th of a year when the scholarship is offered to: scholarships@united-church.ca. If it is not possible to email your application, you can mail or courier it to:

The United Church of Canada Foundation – BCN Scholarship
300-3250 Bloor St. West
Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4



Personal Information:

Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

E-mail address:

Name of Post- Secondary Institution: _____

Academic Year:

1 2 3 4

Number of courses:

Year of entry into current program _____

Have you previously been awarded a Black Clergy Network
Scholarship?

__ Yes __ No

United Church Affiliation:

_____ Region

_____ Congregation

If not a United Church member, what denomination/Faith? _____

Are you a United Church Candidate for ministry? _____

Citizenship: _____

If you are not a Canadian citizen, do you plan to return to your home country? _____

What studies are you pursuing and at what institution?

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How will your studies you to address the concerns of The United Church of Canada and contribute to its life and mission?

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Please state briefly any other information pertinent to your application. For repeat applicants, please provide an update on your studies.

Please indicate how you heard of the Black Clergy Network Scholarship.

In addition to this application, please include:

1. Letter of Acceptance from an accredited program in a post-secondary institution
2. A full curriculum vitae
3. An Official Transcript of your most recent academic year
4. 500-word essay stating reasons for applying to scholarship
5. 500-word essay on your contribution to the Black Community
6. Two Letters of Reference One reference from a person such as a teacher, or a professor from an accredited post-secondary program, who has taught you, ideally within the past two years. One reference from a minister who is qualified to evaluate your community involvement and character. Additional references may be requested. All Letters of Reference must be presented on institutional letterhead

Applications may also be expected to participate in an interview with the Black Clergy Network Selection Committee



STATEMENT OF PERSONAL FINANCES

Are you applying for any other scholarships or financial supports? Yes ___ No ___

What other scholarships/Scholarships have you received?

I N C O M E

Number of dependents other than self:	
Net family income from all sources:	
Amount received for housing and transportation, if applicable:	
TOTAL INCOME:	

E X P E N S E S

Housing costs	
Other living costs	
Debt Payment	
Tuition	
Books	
Other Fees (please state nature)	
Transportation (please state nature)	
Research costs (please provide a statement of amount and nature of any special research costs required)	
Other	
TOTAL EXPENSES:	

Amount of Scholarship Request: \$ _____ Date: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____