



## United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas Seminary Scholarship Application and Covenant

This application is for the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas Seminary Scholarship and is awarded to those selected candidates seeking **ELDERS** orders in the Arkansas Conference as a pastor of a local church. Application and all requested items must be received by March 1, 2014. If you wish to apply, please return this form and the requested items to the BOM Secretary, Arkansas Area Office, 800 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202. For more information, call Nancy Meredith locally at 501-324-8033 or toll-free at 877-646-1816, or you may contact Dr. Sandy Smith at 501-529-1396.

*Please print:*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone numbers Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
If a student, where? \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, City, State of Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_  
Present Employment \_\_\_\_\_  
List the United Methodist Seminary you have applied or been accepted \_\_\_\_\_

1. As a separate attachment, briefly describe your call to ministry as an Elder in the United Methodist Church and **why you are seeking this United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas scholarship.**
2. Include a copy of Form 113. **Eligibility for this scholarship grant requires that an application be a Certified Candidate.** (2012 Book of Discipline Paragraph 310.2)
3. Send a copy of your most recent college transcript.
4. Include a copy of your resume, including volunteer as well as paid employment.
5. Include a minimum of two recommendation letters. One must be from someone currently and directly involved with your ministry leadership. Ask them to include statements about your initiative, leadership potential, and capacity for growth, as well as a description of your work.

I understand that receiving this scholarship is contingent upon

- a. submission of application and paperwork by due date.
- b. interview with scholarship committee
- c. agreeing to sign the Ministry Covenant, wherein I agree to pursue **Elders** orders in the Arkansas Conference as a pastor of a local church, not other forms of ministry.
- d. approval as a **Certified Candidate with the intent of pursuing Elders Orders.**
- e. acceptance for graduate work as a **full time** student at a **United Methodist seminary.**

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Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

Yes No

Are you indebted from your undergraduate work? If so, how much?

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Have you applied for other scholarships?

Are you the recipient of other scholarships or grants? If so, please describe:

How do you plan to fund your seminary education?

Describe your church and/or civic volunteer experiences.

# United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas

## Ministry Covenant

**Whereas**, the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas has provided a generous scholarship grant for me to attend an United Methodist Seminary and

**Whereas**, this scholarship can be renewed for up to three years, as long as I am a full-time student in good standing and

**Whereas**, the need for well-trained, committed ministers is so great in the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church,

**Therefore**, I covenant with the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas to return upon graduation to serve under appointment of the Bishop and Cabinet of the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church as an **elder** of a local church in the Arkansas Conference for two years for each academic year I receive the scholarship. I further covenant that, should I accept appointment in any other Conference of The United Methodist Church or in any other denomination prior to my completing my commitment to the Arkansas Conference, or accept employment not under appointment, I will reimburse the United Methodist Foundation of Arkansas a sum equal to the amount I received from the Foundation prorated to the years remaining under this covenant.

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Printed name

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Date

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Signature

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Date