

**Arkansas Conference Ethnic and Language Concerns Committee**  
**Ministry Grant/Scholarship Application: 2016/17**  
**Mission Field Deadline – March 15 (Spring) and September 15 (Fall)**  
**Scholarship Deadline – February 15/September 15**

Applicant Name (church or individual): \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (where check is to be sent): \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Business [ ] Cell [ ] Home

Email (required): \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name and Signature of person/s submitting grant application:

\_\_\_\_\_ (print) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 21): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the Purpose of the Arkansas Conference Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns?**

*The Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns shall collaborate with the existing structures of the annual Conference in order to implement, evaluate, and update the annual Conference of its comprehensive plan as it relates to ethnic issues. The Committee will consult with and assist other conference entities in training and implementation of matters related to ethnic local churches. The committee shall maintain the connectional relations mandated by ¶632 and ¶ 654. Additionally, this committee shall be charged with implementing all General Conference emphases related to:*

- National Hispanic Plan
- Strengthening the Black Church for the 21st Century
- National Korean Ministry Plan
- Native American Ministries (¶654)
- Other ethnic programs emanating from the General Conference.

**How do these grants fit into the Bishop’s Mission Plan?**

All Mission Field Grants must provide for at least three (3) of these specific components of the Bishop’s Mission Plan [Note: #4 has been omitted on purpose]:

1. How will this grant assist this congregation in spiritual revival?
2. How will this grant assist this congregation in “Fruit-bearing”?
3. How will this grant assist this congregation in aligning with its District Mission Plan?
5. How will this grant assist this congregation in looking more like their neighbors?
6. How will this grant assist this congregation in growing by professions of faith, worship, or small group ministries that target the mission field?
7. How will this grant empower laity?
8. How will this grant empower clergy?
9. How will this grant assist in creating vital, self-sustaining and growing African-American churches?
10. How will this grant assist this congregation in connecting with the previously churchd, de-churched and never churchd, or the “nones”?

Please provide the following information for your grant application. For your convenience you enter all information on this form. Please provide all items requested/required.

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE CATEGORY OF YOUR REQUEST FOR FUNDS:**

**Mission Field Ministry Grant (programmatic):** Maximum of 1 request per GRANT CYCLE

Assists congregations in enhancing outreach ministries to community (Mission Field) as related to the Arkansas Conference Priorities. NO SALARIES OR HONORARIUMS will be funded.

**Scholarship:** There will be 5 competitive need-based scholarships annually (1 per district). Scholarship provide assistance to persons who are **active members in local churches and UM related campus currently enrolled in institutions of higher education.**

**Scholarship Checklist:**

- Essay detailing how this scholarship will assist you in becoming a better leader in the UMC.
- Copy of latest transcript (student copy is permissible)
- Letter of recommendation from pastor (if attending at home) or campus minister (if college/university is more than 75 miles from home). The letter should include the answers to these questions:
  - How long have you known the applicant?
  - Explain the student's demonstrated involvement in the campus ministry including a list of ministries in which student participates.

**Note:** Scholarship funding is for a one academic year increment. Checks will be forwarded for the spring semester following the receipt of grades from the previous semester. Scholarships are academic and need-based. *A student may lose their scholarship if their grades demonstrate a reduction over 2 semesters.*

**Mission Field Grants please answer the following five (5) questions and complete checklist. You may answer in space provided and by attaching another document to your request.**

1. Name of Project: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Start date \_\_\_\_\_ End date \_\_\_\_\_
3. This project address these three goals contained within the Bishop's Mission Plan:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
4. This grant will make disciples for Jesus Christ because \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. We plan for this project to continue after the funding from Ethnic and Language Ministries expires as a result of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Project Checklist:**

Coversheet completed with all signatures

The project participant evaluation is attached.

6.  The project budget is attached that demonstrates:
- a. Funding from my local church
  - b. Funding from my district (optional)
  - c. In-kind donations (optional) ex: food donated by Sunday School group
  - d. Amount of my request from the Ethnic and Language Committee (cannot exceed other grant components combined)

Elder Ronnie Miller-Yow is the chairperson of the Ethnic and Language Committee. The Committee makes all decisions regarding grants. Committee members are:

- Central District – Dr. Zenobia Harris
- Northeast District – Rev. Herschel Richardson
- Northwest District – Rev. Kwangmin Shin
- Southeast District – Rev. Natasha Murray Norman
- Southwest District – Rev. Tommy Halsell
- Commission on Religion and Race Representative – Rev. George Odell

Forward all completed grant requests to our Conference staff liaison, Rev. Maxine Allen, [mallen@arumc.org](mailto:mallen@arumc.org) You may also contact her via phone – 501.539.0280.

**Arkansas Conference Ethnic and Language Conference  
Scholarship/Mission Field Grant Evaluation**

*Note: completed form must be submitted to Committee Chairperson within 30 days of receipt or of the event funded whichever comes latest. Please only provide information requested.*

**No additional funding will be considered without receipt of this evaluation.**

Applicant Name (church or individual): \_\_\_\_\_

Project Name (for Mission Field Projects): \_\_\_\_\_

Local Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (where check is to be sent): \_\_\_\_\_

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I. Check type of funding received: [ ] Mission Field Grant [ ] Scholarship

II. For ALL funding (including scholarships): Was the support received from the Committee on Ethnic and Language Concerns satisfactory in fulfilling your funding/scholarship needs? Why or Why not? You may complete in space below.

III. Mission Field Grants – attach SUMMARY of **participant evaluations** (1-2 pages)