

TIMELINE

- Applications are due **April 1 of each year.**
- Applicants are notified if awarded a scholarship by September

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- A letter of acceptance from a seminary or divinity school accredited by The Association of Theological Schools.
- Undergraduate transcripts email or mailed to the address provided below

REQUIREMENTS

- In seminary or divinity school pursuing a Master of Divinity or other related degree for ordained ministry
- The seminary or divinity school **MUST** be accredited by The Association of Theological Schools.
- Undergraduate transcript.

PREFERENCES

- Women & other minorities
- In the Appalachian region of North Carolina
- A member of a church affiliated with the International Council of Community Churches, Stone Campbell Tradition, or the Congregationalist Tradition.

Please mail OR email application to:

**The Esther Miller Center for Fellowship & Discipleship Training
c/o Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 142
Vilas, NC 28692-0142**

info@gracechristianchurchinc.org

If emailed, place the c/o line in the RE.

NOTE: Even if you do not meet one of stated preferences, apply anyway. Full and partial scholarships are still awarded as funding allows.

Application must be filled out by applicant.

Please type or print your answers below. A separate sheet may be used if needed. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.	
1	<div> <div>Last Name:</div> <div>First Name</div> </div>
2	<div> <div>Mailing & Physical Street Address:</div> <div> <div></div> <div>P.O. Box (if Applicable)</div> </div> <div> <div>Street</div> <div>City</div> <div>State</div> <div>ZIP</div> </div> </div>
3	<div> <div>Daytime Telephone Number:</div> <div>Email address:</div> </div>
4	<div> <div>Undergraduate Institution:</div> <div>Graduation Date & Degree Obtained:</div> </div>
5	<div> <div>I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall</u>:</div> <div>Address:</div> <div>Phone:</div> </div>
6	Will you be a full-time student? (Minimum 12 hrs.)
7	<div> <div>Grade Point Average (GPA): (On a 4.0 scale)</div> <div> <div>Attach proof of GPA; you're most recent official transcript required.</div> <div>Emailed transcripts from the institution may be sent to info@gracechristianchurchinc.org, RE: Scholarship Fund.</div> </div> </div>

8	Use the following space to discuss your call to ordained ministry (1,000 word maximum).		
9	How will these funds assist you in achieving your theological education?		
10	What tradition/ denomination do you ascribe (if nondenominational, describe what type: Evangelical, Stone-Campbell, Mainline, etc.)?		
11	List other financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter:		
	A.	Personal: (currently working or work /study during school)	Amount: \$
	B.	Other Scholarship(s):	Amount: \$
	C.	Grants:	Amount: \$
	C.	Student Loan(s):	Amount: \$
	D.	Other Financial Resources: (to include family support)	Amount: \$

Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

12	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
13	References/Recommendations: You may submit two letters of recommendation if you wish. They CANNOT come from friends or family. Clergy recommendations are considered the highest caliber.
14	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates. Please list your home church.
15	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.
16	GOALS: How do you believe this education will allow you to serve God; what are your goals in that respect (250-word max)?
17	ADDITIONAL: Use this space to add anything else you desire to express (100-word max).

The following criteria must be met in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the Board of Trustees. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)

Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have completed and attached each item as required.

19	YES	NO	Application complete
	YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A letter of college enrollment or transcripts proving current program enrollment is required for receipt of funds.
	YES	NO	Most recent official college transcript. Photocopies of your transcript are <u>not acceptable</u> .
	YES	NO	250 Maximum Word Essay

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Esther Miller Center for Fellowship & Discipleship Training is true, correct and without forgery. I also agree that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Esther Miller Center for Fellowship & Discipleship Training Scholarship Program. If it is discovered that any of the information presented on this application is false, then I understand that I must repay any funds disbursed to me.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of Scholarship Applicant: _____

The deadline for this application must be postmarked by April 1!