

Rowley/Wolfe Ministerial

Education Fund:

What is now the Rowley/Wolfe Memorial Fund was initially started in 1974 with a beginning investment of \$3,500 by Mrs. Ethel Johnson Rowley and her husband, Mr. Prescott Thresher Rowley, of Sacramento, Calif. With their first gift, the Rowleys established a revocable trust fund with the United Christian Missionary Society (UCMS) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Through the next several years, Mr. and Mrs. Rowley continued to invest additional money as they were able, to build this fund toward their goal of creating a perpetual ministerial fund. This fund is available for any seminary student.

Continuing Education Funds:

Clergy with Disciples standing are eligible to apply for this need-based grant to help pay for lifelong learning opportunities, including D. Min. programs. Disciples clergy may only apply once a year and can receive these funds no more than three times in six years. The annual award limit is up to \$1,000 per application. Applications for this fund may be submitted year-round.

We are thankful for the founders of these funds, their families and all who continue to bless these funds with their financial gifts. May the true spirit of Jesus Christ be with us as we strive toward excellence amidst God's great gifts. If you are interested in financially supporting any of these funds, or starting a new named scholarship fund, please contact the Rev. Ron Degges, Disciples Home Missions president, at (888) 346-2631 or rdegges@dhm.disciples.org.

Eligibility: To be eligible for any of the funds the applicant must:

- Be a member of a congregation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ);
- Preparing for ordained ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ);
- GPA may be a determining factor in consideration of scholarships awarded;
- Provide evidence of financial need;
- Be enrolled as a full-time student (normally 9 credit hours per semester) in an ATS accredited seminary or accredited school;
- Provide 3 letters of reference; one each from their pastor, regional minister and professor; and
- Be under care of a regional Commission on Ministry or in the process of coming under care.

How do I locate the application and letters of reference?

The application form and letter of reference form are available online at:
www.discipleshomemissions.org/Scholarships/index.htm

Deadlines: (NO EXCEPTIONS)

There are no automatic renewals.

All *applications* are due in the office **no later than March 15** of the current year.

All *letters of reference and transcripts, if required*, are due in the office **no later than April 15** of the current year.

Who Can Give?

Anyone!!! Individuals are the main source. Offerings from retreats, regional assemblies, workshops, institutes, and rallies also help supplement and build these funds.

Where Do I Send My Contribution?

*Disciples Home Missions
Attn: Educational Funds
P. O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206*

For more information or inquiries please contact the Office of Search and Call at (888) 346-2631 or www.discipleshomemissions.org/leaders/scholarship

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African American Scholarship:

The Executive Committee of the United Christian Missionary Society established the Negro Student Scholarship Fund in June 1939 with funds raised for Central Christian Institute in Kentucky. The funds constituted a special scholarship fund for a period of six years from June 1939. The income is to aid young African American men or women desiring to participate in Christian service and obtain a college education. Other monies were added to this fund such as: In 1957 the alumni group of the Southern Christian Institute began collecting money for the purpose of building a gym for alumni on the properties of the Southern Christian Institute. As this need no longer exists, it was resolved that the total amount of these funds be invested in the Negro Student Scholarship Fund. In 1958 the proceeds from the sale of the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House, were also added to the Negro Scholarship fund with the understanding that the earning of the funds will be administered by the Joint committee on Scholarships. On December 9, 2009 the Joint Scholarship Committee of Disciples Home Missions changed the name of the Negro Student Scholarship Fund to the African American Scholarship Fund. This was done to reflect the language of the early 21st century in the United States of America.*

Star Supporter Fund:

Two visionaries, Rev. Lorenzo J Evans and Alfred C. Stone, conceived the idea of developing a fund to be used for the education of Black pastors. Starting in 1949, attendees of the National Convocation were approached for a minimum \$10 donation. At that time only a handful of pastors were seminary trained. Stone and Evans wanted to change this and were eminently successful. The fund is currently supported by regular gifts from members of the National Convocation and other generous donors.*

David T. Kagiwada Memorial Fund:

The Kagiwada Memorial fund was established in memory of the Rev. David Kagiwada. David was a native of Los Angeles and a second-generation Disciple. He graduated from the University of Chicago Divinity School and was ordained in the Illinois/Wisconsin Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Focal points in his ministry included efforts to: reconcile and heal antagonism among all people; support and be an advocate for racial/ethnic minorities and women; and helping the church recognize and appreciate the gifts of people of Asian heritage. David faithfully served five congregations in California and Indiana. David was the first Convener of the American Asian Disciples (now, North American Pacific/ Asian Disciples). The Kagiwada Fund is available to North American Pacific/ Asian Disciples ministerial students enrolled (or accepted as an entering student) in an accredited graduate theological school or seminary.

Soongook Choi Memorial Fund:

The Rev. Dr. J. Soongook Choi was a Korean-American minister of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He was born and spent his childhood in Japan, but went to Korea with the Student Volunteer Corps during the Korean War. Out of his painful experience in the conflict of inter- and intra-racial relations among Asian nations, he became a seeker for peace and justice in a world community of different peoples. Upon returning to Korea from Japan, Dr. Choi joined the Campbell-Stone movement (Christian Church—Independent). In 1959, he came to the United States for advanced theological education and earned several academic degrees. He was ordained in 1962 and served as a local pastor, hospital chaplain, professor and president of Seoul Christian University (in Korea), and member of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He had been a key figure in the life of the North American Pacific/Asian Disciples (NAPAD), especially for the growth of the Disciples church in the Korean-American community. In order to carry on Dr. Choi's legacy in ministry, his friends and relatives set up a fund on the day of celebration of his retirement. The Choi Scholarship is available to Disciples seminarians of Asian and Pacific Islander descent who are in preparation for ministry in a multi-racial/cultural community.

Disciples Chaplains' Fund:

Named for the Chaplains who started this fund, it is for first year seminarian students. Applicants do not need to be preparing specifically for a career in chaplaincy.

Edwin G. & Laurette M. Michael Fund:

Funds are presently restricted to financial aid for ministers' wives whose basic education was interrupted to enable their husbands to complete their theological education.**

James M. Philputt Memorial Fund:

For seminary/graduate ministerial students enrolled in either: University of Chicago Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, Vanderbilt Divinity School or Yale Divinity School.

Katherine J. Schutze Memorial Fund:

Named in honor of a native of Marfa, Texas, who was ordained at 30. Katherine's early career included teaching Hispanic children in that community for several years. Later, she became a missionary to China, eventually serving at what is now the Yakama Christian Mission in Washington State. Schutze also taught at Drake University in Iowa, and at Lexington Theological Seminary. She especially maintained a passion for women in ministry within the Disciples of Christ denomination. In her last years with the United Christian Missionary Society (UCMS), Schutze devoted energy to locating other ordained women and establishing the first programs for support of Disciple clergy women. Upon her death in 1980, the Katherine Schutze Fund was founded to encourage future generations of women as they prepare for ordained ministry.

**These two funds are available to African American students in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); Contact Disciples Home Missions for more details.*

***Eligibility requirements differ from other scholarships/grants. Contact Disciples Home Missions for more information.*

Lloyd and Iva Mattison Youth Ministry Fund:

Named for a couple who originally met in a Disciples of Christ Young Adult Program in Anderson, Indiana. Over the next 60 years in six different states, this couple energetically worked with and supported youth and young adults in local, regional and general church of activities and special events. Lloyd Mattison was a Disciples minister, as is their son-in-law and also a grandson. In 1993, Iva Mattison established the fund for those preparing to serve the church in the area of youth ministry so that their love and commitment to young people would continue to be experienced by generations to come. Lloyd and Iva are survived by two daughters and one son, and also two grandchildren. Fund recipients will be selected based on their academic achievement, current passion for ministry with youth and vision for such Christian service in the future.

Michelle Jackson Memorial Fund:

Named in honor of a second career student who graduated in 2003 from Vanderbilt Divinity School at the age of 38, but died after a brief, unexpected illness, less than a month after receiving her Master of Divinity degree. Michelle, a mother of four, had planned for ordination later that year. Jackson was still seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance in finding a place to serve. As a student, Jackson chaired the Council of Black Seminarians, serving in the Student Government Association, and was known as a gifted preacher. The Michelle Jackson Scholarship is to provide a legacy for her stillborn ministry. It will serve African-American Disciples women in M. Div. degree programs at ATS accredited seminaries whose lives offer the same deeply spiritual charisma and gifts for leadership in the church that were evident in Ms. Jackson's too-short life and ministry.