

# Disciples Women's Endowment Fund Grant Guidelines

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## Introduction

The Disciples Women's Endowment Fund (DWEF) was established in 1990 as the Women's Endowment Fund (WEF) to provide the opportunity to contribute to a permanent fund that benefits the work, both now and in the future, of women in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This fund allows women, both the donor and the recipient, the opportunity to make a tremendous difference in the shaping of the world to come through decisions they make today. Through this fund, the visions and dreams of women grant recipients are made real as they share the good news and minister in the name of Jesus Christ throughout their congregations and communities. The funds are invested through the Christian Church Foundation to keep pace with inflation and produce a steady stream of income. Only the interest on the investments is used to support grant requests, and first priority is given to ministry which benefits the entire women's network.



## Funding Categories

**Leadership Training**—To provide educational opportunities which teach women the skills needed to become leaders in the church and strengthen their leadership abilities in order to serve others in their communities and beyond.

**Scholarship Support**—To assist women's participation in opportunities which strengthen their faith, faith development, leadership training and educational opportunities through scholarship assistance.

**Outreach Ministries**—To provide opportunities for ministry which serve locally and globally (e.g., justice, healing and peace issues).

**Faith Development**—To provide spiritual growth opportunities for individuals and groups. Could include retreats, spiritual direction, auditing courses, or mission trips/ experiences.

**Women's Programming**—To assure that new and vital ministry continues to be developed and offered to the women of the church.

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## Guidelines for Grants

**Seminarians:** A maximum of one-third (1/3) of the total cost for a scholarship, event or mission trip will be considered.

**Women's Action Web and Woman-to-Woman Worldwide:** a maximum of one-third (1/3) of the total program cost will be considered for regions/constituencies who have participated in the program previously. A maximum of two-thirds (2/3) of the total program cost will be considered for regions/constituencies who are first time participants.



## Application Deadlines - March 15 and October 15

March 15<sup>th</sup> applications will be notified of approval or rejection by May 1.

October 15<sup>th</sup> applications will be notified of approval or rejection by December 1.

## Amount of Grants

Grant requests are not to exceed \$5,000. There is no minimum.

## Items to Include with Application

A complete budget for the project and a letter of endorsement from a regional minister, congregational minister or non-profit executive must be included with your application.

## Return Application Form and Attachments

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