



# Disciples Women's Endowment Fund

*A grant for work that benefits women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination.*



## Guidelines

The Disciples Women's Endowment Fund (DWEF) was established in 1990 as the Women's Endowment Fund to provide the opportunity to contribute to a permanent fund that supports both present and future work of women in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This fund allows both the donor and the recipient the experience of making a tremendous impact in the shaping of the world through the ministry work that is funded through DWEF. Through this fund, ministry work aimed at helping women is manifested as the love of Jesus Christ is spread throughout both 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 priority is given to ministry that benefits the entire women's network.

### Funding Categories

- **Leadership Training:** To provide educational opportunities that teach women the skills needed to become leaders in the church and strengthen their leadership abilities 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.
  - **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.
- **Outreach Ministries:** To provide opportunities for ministry which serve women locally and globally (e.g., justice, healing, and peace issues). General outreach projects are not considered.
- **Faith Development:** To provide spiritual growth opportunities for individuals and groups (e.g., retreats, spiritual direction, auditing courses, or mission trips).
- **Women's Programming:** To assure that new and vital ministry continues to be developed and offered to the women of the church.

### Application Deadlines

- **March 15<sup>th</sup>** (applicants receive notification by May 1<sup>st</sup>)
- **October 15<sup>th</sup>** (applicants receive notification by December 1<sup>st</sup>)

### Grant Amounts

- While there is no minimum request requirement, grant requests should not exceed \$5,000.

### Items to Include with Application

- Complete project budget.
- Letter of endorsement from a Regional Minister, Congregational Minister, or nonprofit executive.

### PLEASE NOTE

- Only members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are eligible for this grant.
- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- This grant is intended to fund work that aims to help edify women.
- This is a one-time grant (nonrenewable).
- Grant recipients must wait at least four (4) grant cycles before applying for new funds.

Return completed application and supporting documents to:  
Disciples Women's Ministries  
Attention: DWEF Committee • P.O. Box 1986 • Indianapolis, IN 46206-1986  
Or Email to [discipleswomen@dhm.disciples.org](mailto:discipleswomen@dhm.disciples.org)

# GRANT APPLICATION

Please complete the application in its entirety and submit it along with all required documents by US postal mail or email according to the instructions. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Individual, Organization, or Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Organization

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: Street Number and Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: City, State, Zip

Is this organization affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination?      YES      NO

***\*\* If no, you are not eligible for this grant. \*\****

\_\_\_\_\_  
Person Responsible for Managing this Grant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number (including area code)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

## II. EVENT/PROGRAM LOGISTICS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Program/Event

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date Funds are Needed

Has this individual, organization, or church applied for DWEF funds before? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, was your request granted? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what was the grant amount? \_\_\_\_\_

## III. PROGRAM DESIGN & IMPACT

Check the Category that applies (more than one category may be selected):

\_\_\_\_ Leadership Training

\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Support

\_\_\_\_ Outreach Ministry Project Support

\_\_\_\_ Faith Development

\_\_\_\_ Spiritual Revitalization / Transformation

\_\_\_\_ Women's Ministry Event/Program Project

*Please respond to the following questions (750 words max. per question.)*

➤ **Describe the purpose and design of the project.**

➤ **What population will be served using this grant?**

➤ **How will this program/project enhance ministry with, for, or to women?**

➤ **How do you plan to market this program and share your learnings and program/project impact with others?**

➤ **Describe how the requested funds will be used (e.g., equipment, supplies, resources, scholarships, educational material, honorariums, etc.)**

➤ **What are key indicators of success?**

If grant funds are awarded, a one-page typed evaluation along with any unused funds must be remitted to the Disciples Women Endowment Fund Distribution Committee within six (6) months of the conclusion of the program/project related to this request.

Date that evaluation and financial report will be submitted:

#### **IV. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

- **What is the total cost of the program/project?**
  
- **What impact will not receiving this grant have on the proposed program/project?**

➤ **What additional sources of funding have you applied for and secured?**

➤ **Attach a budget showing a breakdown of expenditures to help demonstrate how the amount requested was determined.**

➤ **If grant is approved, who should the check be made payable to?**

➤ **Attach a letter of endorsement for this project from a Regional Minister of the Christian Church (DOC), pastor, or nonprofit executive.**

# Acknowledgement of Terms and Conditions

I *acknowledge that by signing this grant application, that I understand the terms and condition of receiving grant funds, if approved, from the Disciples Women Endowment Fund as outlined in the DWEF guidelines. I hereby declare that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that any willful dishonesty will render the rejection of this application and ineligibility for future funding from DWEF.*

**Authorized Signature**  
*\*Electronic Signature acceptable\**

Title:

Date:

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**APPROVED**

Date Approval Letter Sent \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_

**DENIED**

Date Denial Letter Sent \_\_\_\_\_  
Reason for Denial \_\_\_\_\_