

Are You Preparing for Ministry as a Military Chaplain?

2019-2020 Academic Year MCA Scholarship Program

One way the Military Chaplains Association speaks with a professional voice is through support for training the next generation of chaplains. Each year, we endeavor to provide financial assistance to several seminary students who are currently serving as chaplain candidates in the Air Force, Army, or Navy.

The MCA Chaplain Candidate Scholarship program was established in 1992. Since then, we have helped more than seventy chaplain candidates. Funds to support our annual scholarship awards come from donations by individuals, Chapel Funds, Chiefs of Chaplains Funds, and contributions made through the Combined Federal Campaign.

This year the MCA is pleased to offer up to four scholarships – each will be in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Samuel Stocks Memorial Scholarships – two individual scholarships at \$1,500.00 each – these scholarships honor the memory of COL Samuel Stocks, USAF, retired. COL Stocks was a notable figure in the development and professionalization of Air Force Security Forces. He was a great friend of the MCA as well and was married to our past President, Chaplain Karen Stocks, Lt Col, USAF, retired.

Women United in Ministry Scholarship – one scholarship for a woman candidate for the chaplaincy. Women United in Ministry is an ongoing group within the MCA dedicated to ensuring women in chaplaincy are provided opportunities to excel in their callings. Recognizing women serving as chaplains are represented in the military at rates below what would be expected, this special effort is to help provide strength to the chaplaincy through the diversity all desire. MCA members have requested their donations be used for this purpose.

Emerson Foundation Scholarship – one scholarship. The Emerson Foundation of the MCA was established with one goal being to provide ongoing investment in the lives of those desiring to serve as chaplains in the military. It is supported by our members who make a special contribution to preserve our professional ministry both now and into the future.

Eligibility requirements are:

- Full time enrollment in an accredited seminary.
- Ecclesiastical endorsement for future ministry as a military chaplain.
- Appointment and active service as a “Chaplain Candidate” in one of the Armed Services.
- Completion of the MCA Chaplain Candidate Scholarship application form and submission of all requirements.

Thank you for your preparation to serve the spiritual needs of service members and their families!

Scholarship applications for the 2019-2020 academic year will be received from March 12 through May 31, 2019.

Items required for submission will include:

- Chaplain Candidate Scholarship Application form – completed, signed and dated with required attachments

- Documents required in Section D 1 & 2
- Statement of Financial Background (Section E 1)
- Student Aid Report (Section E 2)
- All documents required by Section F
- Head shot color photograph in military uniform

Please note: The scholarship applicant is responsible to assemble all items in one complete package and send to the MCA as indicated above. Any items sent separately (i.e. letters of recommendation, transcripts, etc.) must have the applicant's name clearly indicated. Incomplete or late packages will not be considered.