Dear CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICANT:

The Christian Ministry Scholarship Committee exists as a part of the Christian Church of Greater KC. This committee is made up of interested lay persons and clergy from throughout the Region who understand the financial demands of seminary training.

The committee meets twice a year to award scholarships to applicants who show interest and qualify. Most of the funds are generated from local congregations within the Region through individual gifts and special offerings.

If you are interested in making an initial application for scholarship funds, you will need to do so soon by downloading the forms included with this cover letter as shown below. You may also request the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund application packet or the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund renewal application form from The Christian Church (DOC) of Greater KC (913-432-1414) or email: office@kcdisciples.org.

The Christian Church (DOC) of Greater KC

Attn: CMSF

Remit completed forms to: 9401 Johnson Dr. Shawnee Mission Kansas 66203

- May 1 (Annually) is the final deadline for all required documents for the Fall Semester/Term.
- December 1 (Annually) is the final deadline for all required documents for the Spring/Winter Semester/Term.

NOTE: No scholarships will be awarded without a completed application, and official transcript. It is preferred students be under the care of the Ordination & Standing Commission or the Commissioned Ministry Commission. Your Ordination packet will be mailed under separate cover upon request.

For your convenience, we are including with this cover letter the following downloadable forms for your use should you wish to apply:

1. Guidelines for Allocation of Funds
2. Application form
3. Sample Letter for securing references
4. Release of Transcript form
5. Additional Scholarship Information (for other resources)

We hope this information will help you with your seminary plans. If you have further questions, please contact the Rev. Karen Yount at 816-322-0576, or the Regional Center 913-432-1414.

Respectfully,

The Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Committee
CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) OF GREATER K.C.

Guidelines for Allocation of Funds

1. Applicants must be members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

2. Applicants must be those persons who have been nurtured within a local Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) congregation within the Greater K.C. Region.

3. Preference will be given to seminary students who must be attending an accredited seminary, according to the standards maintained by the Association of Theological Seminaries. Secondary preference will be given for continuing education for Commissioned Ministers who are in good standing.

4. Applicants will demonstrate financial need for the scholarship, as determined by written application and review by the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force.

5. Applicants must provide a letter of recommendation from the minister of their home/sponsoring congregation.

6. First time applicants must request one other letter of reference from references listed so that said letters will arrive in the Regional Office no later than deadline noted in accompanying letter.

7. Applicants must provide a brief statement (1-2 pages) outlining their concept of ministry and future goals for ministry. This statement is required for the initial application for funds and again as deemed necessary by the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force, if additional application is made.

8. Requests for funds should be made for no more than two (2) times per year.

9. Allocations of monies shall be made twice each year, with applications being received by dates noted in accompanying letter for either fall or spring/summer terms. Allocation checks will be made payable to the applicant and to the seminary or event being attended and will be mailed to the applicant.

10. Applicants must request a transcript from the seminary through the use of the "Release of Grades and Progress Report" form (attached) so that the "official" transcript will arrive in the Regional Office along with the initial application, and an "Unofficial" transcript will be submitted annually for renewal. First year applicants must provide a transcript from undergraduate and/or previous seminary work prior to the deadlines for application.

11. Information supplied by the applicant is confidential and will be used by the Christian Ministry Scholarship Task Force of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C. only to determine need in making allocations of scholarships to help prepare Commissioned Ministers.
APPLICATION FORM: Seminary Student

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

FOR REGIONAL USE ONLY: Date Received __________
Action on Request: ______________
Amount of Scholarship ______________
Date of Application: __________________
Amount of Request $ __________

1. NAME ___________________________ PHONES: HOME ______ WORK ______ CELL ______

2. ADDRESS ________________________ CITY ___________ STATE ______ ZIP ______

3. BIRTHDATE ______________________ E-MAIL __________________________

4. HOME CONGREGATION ___________________ ADDRESS ________________________
   CITY ___________________________ STATE ______ ZIP ______

5. ARE YOU UNDER THE CARE OF THE ORDINATION AND STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF
   GREATER KANSAS CITY? YES ______ NO ______ IF NOT, ARE YOU UNDER CARE IN ANOTHER REGION?
   YES ______ NO ______

6. WHAT IS THE NAME OF YOUR LOCAL CONGREGATION IN THE GREATER KANSAS CITY REGION?
   ____________________________________________________________

7. NAME OF YOUR LOCAL CONGREGATIONAL PASTOR?
   __________________________________________________________

8. EDUCATION COMPLETED:

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9. EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION YOU WILL BE ATTENDING

   NAME OF SEMINARY ___________________________ ADDRESS ____________________________
   CITY ___________________________ STATE ______ ZIP ______

10. STANDING FOR TERM OF THIS APPLICATION PART-TIME _______ FULL-TIME ________
     ______ 1ST YEAR ______ 2ND YEAR ______ 3RD YEAR
11. HOW MANY HOURS ARE YOU PLANNING TO TAKE EACH TERM/SEMESTER?
   FALL ___________ SPRING ___________ OTHER ___________

12. ARE YOU A DEGREE CANDIDATE? YES________ NO________

13. DEGREE TOWARD WHICH YOU ARE WORKING? ________________________ YEAR __________

14. TO ASSIST IN DETERMINING NEED, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WOULD BE HELPFUL.
   ARE YOU MARRIED? ______ NEVER MARRIED? ______ DIVORCED? ______ WIDOWED? ______
   HOW MANY DEPENDENTS DO YOU HAVE? ______ AGES ______________________
   RELATIONSHIP OF DEPENDENTS ______________________

15. ESTIMATED COST OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
   TUITION AND FEES ___________
   BOOKS ___________
   SUPPLIES ___________
   EQUIPMENT ___________
   OTHER (LIST/COST) ___________

   TOTAL EDUCATION COSTS* $___________

   *Note: Scholarship funds are limited to payments for tuition and fees, books, supplies, and equipment required for courses.

16. RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATION (NOT TOTAL FAMILY INCOME/SALARY)
   PERSONAL FUNDS ___________
   LOCAL CONGREGATION ___________
   HOME CONGREGATION ___________
   SCHOLARSHIPS ___________
   GRANTS ___________
   WORK/STUDY ___________
   GOVT STUDENT LoAN (GSL) ___________
   OTHER RESOURCES ___________
   TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATION $___________

17. ESTIMATED NEED REMAINING $___________
18. WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WITH REGARD TO THIS EXPERIENCE IN TRAINING FOR MINISTRY?

19. REFERENCES

   NAME ___________________  RELATIONSHIP ___________________  PHONE ___________________
   ADDRESS ___________________  CITY ____________  STATE ____________  ZIP _________
   NAME ___________________  RELATIONSHIP ___________________  PHONE ___________________
   ADDRESS ___________________  CITY ____________  STATE ____________  ZIP _________
   NAME ___________________  RELATIONSHIP ___________________  PHONE ___________________
   ADDRESS ___________________  CITY ____________  STATE ____________  ZIP _________

20. WERE YOU REFERRED TO THIS COMMITTEE BY ANOTHER PERSON? _____________
   (NAME) ________________________________

21. It is my intent to use any scholarship funds received from the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C. toward my training to be in professional ministry with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

   SIGNATURE ___________________________  DATE _____________

APPLICATION* SHOULD BE MAILED TO:

CONNECT > SUPPORT > CELEBRATE
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City
9401 Johnson Drive, Merriam, KS 66203

*AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT MUST BE ATTACHED WITH APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED
SAMPLE LETTER FOR THE CANDIDATE TO USE IN SECURING REFERENCES

(Date)

______________________________
______________________________
______________________________

Dear ________________________,

I have applied to the Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force of the Christian Church of Greater K.C. for scholarship aid in support of my seminary education for ministry within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Task Force will be meeting soon to make allocations for the coming school term.

I would like to ask you to serve as a reference for me. It would be helpful if you would write a letter indicating your knowledge of me.

The Task Force would like to have your reflections on:
(1) my faith life;
(2) my activities in the life of the church;
(3) my ability to operate in an academic setting;
(4) my goals in ministry which I have shared with you; and
(5) your personal feeling about my decision to prepare for ministry.

Because time is short, it will be important for you to respond immediately. Please send your reply to:

Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force
Christian Church of Greater K. C.

9401 Johnson Drive, Merriam, KS 66203

I thank you for taking the time to do this. May God bless you.

Sincerely,
RELEASE OF TRANSCRIPT

The Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task force of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C., in awarding scholarship aid, works in partnership with the recipient and the institution of higher education. Since the Region must be consciously aware of its stewardship, and as an encouragement to the student, the Task Force requests that the student release a transcript of the student’s grades from the seminary at the end of each year for which scholarship is received. First year applicants must request a release of transcript from undergraduate and/or previous seminary work.

Therefore, I authorize the Administration of __________________________ to release my transcript to the following:

Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund Task Force
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C.
9401 Johnson Drive, Merriam, KS 66203

DATE: ___________________ NAME: __________________________

SIGNATURE: ________________________________________________
ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

HIGHER EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

You may request application forms from:

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Phone: 314-991-3000
www.helmdisciples.org/aid

DISCIPLES HOME MISSION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Warren Lynn
DHM Scholarships
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
PO Box 1986,
Indianapolis IN 46206-1986

Application process is on their website: discipleshomemissions.org. Scholarship information is under the Resources tab. Accepting applications January 1 – March 1.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GREATER K.C. – CHRISTIAN MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Monies in the Regional CMSF are to be awarded to members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater K.C. who "are specifically preparing for ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) at the seminary level." Applications may be requested from the Regional Center and must be returned to the Regional Minister by deadlines imposed. Request application forms from:

CONNECT > SUPPORT > CELEBRATE
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City
9401 Johnson Drive, Merriam, KS 66203

MISCELLANEOUS

Scholarships may be available for Disciples seminary students from your own local congregation and from many other sources, including your local chapter of Eastern Star. You are encouraged to check out all possible sources of grant/scholarship aid.
APPLICATION FORM:

Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund
Christian Church of Greater K.C.
(Disciples of Christ)
9401 Johnson Drive
Merriam Kansas 66203
Phone: 1-833-432-1414
Email: office@kcdisciples.org

NAME ________________________________

PHONES:

HOME:

WORK:

CELL:

ADDRESS ________________________________

CITY ________________________________

STATE ______

ZIP ________________________________

BIRTHDATE ________________________________

E-MAIL ________________________________

HOME CONGREGATION:

ADDRESS ________________________________

CITY ________________________________ STATE ______ ZIP ________________________________
ARE YOU UNDER THE CARE OF THE ORDINATION AND STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GREATER KANSAS CITY?
YES _____ NO _____

IF NOT, ARE YOU UNDER CARE IN ANOTHER REGION?
YES _____ NO _____

WHO IS CHAIRPERSON OF YOUR LOCAL CONGREGATION'S ORDINATION COUNCIL?

ADDRESS ________________________________

CITY ____________________ STATE _____ ZIP ____________

EDUCATION COMPLETED:
SCHOOL / YEAR DIPLOMA/DEGREE /HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE/GRADUATE SCHOOL

SCHOOL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:

NAME OF SEMINARY:

ADDRESS ________________________________
CITY ________________________________ STATE ________

ZIP ________________

STANDING FOR TERM OF THIS APPLICATION:

PART-TIME ________ FULL-TIME ________

_____ 1ST YEAR _____ 2ND YEAR _____ 3RD YEAR