CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Central Christian Church of Austin (CCC) offers scholarships to deserving students preparing for ministry, thanks to the generosity of our members and other generous donors. Our scholarship funds have continued to increase over the years through additional gifts which are always warmly welcomed and gratefully accepted. Our scholarship program is administered by the trustees of CCC.

Scholarships are available courtesy of:

* 1. Gene Plummer Fund
	2. George Rowe Fund
	3. Edna T Anderson Fund
	4. Louis H. Shaffman, Jr. Trust

Funds may be combined for scholarship awards. Only one application may be submitted annually, but students may receive additional scholarships.

ELIGIBILTY REQUIREMENTS

An eligible applicant must:

* be a permanent resident of Travis County or contiguous counties:
* be an active member of, or sponsored by, a congregation in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ);
* be preparing for ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); and
* be planning or pursuing an M.Div. or equivalent program at an accredited institution

Application packets are available on the CCC website or by email on April 1 from the business office of CCC at 1110 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701. Request an Application Packet via email at Staff@cccaustin.org. The application period extends from April 1 to June 1 annually. A new application is required each calendar year. We prefer that the application be completed by editing the emailed Microsoft Word document and returning it by email. Alternatively, the application can be printed and completed by hand, with additional pages attached as needed. The mailing address for completed applications is: Central Christian Church 1110 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701Received applications will be acknowledged by email. If you have not received confirmation, please contact the CCC office.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All information provided to the CCC Scholarship Committee by applicants is confidential and will ONLY be shared to evaluate award eligibility.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

In addition to this application form, applicants must provide:

* 1. Transcripts for prior academic work. Applicants that have completed less than one year of seminary must submit transcripts for all under-graduate and graduate attendance. If you have completed at least one year, submit only a complete seminary transcript. Applicants beginning their seminary program as a second career are encouraged to contact the Scholarship Committee through the CCC office regarding submission requirements.
	2. Recommendation letters, from:
		1. the pastor of your home congregation; and
		2. a seminary or under-graduate professor or Disciples regional minister
	3. An interview via Zoom or telephone with the Scholarship Committee

Applicants who received a CCC scholarship for the prior academic year are exempted from the recommendation letter requirement. Updated transcripts are required.

An interview, most likely via Zoom or telephone, is an important part of the application process. It gives us an opportunity to personalize the process, to get to know the applicant, and to clarify or expand on information in the written application. CCC will notify you after June 1 to schedule your interview. Applicants who fail to schedule an interview or who fail to appear for their appointment may not be contacted and their applications will be considered incomplete.

The complete application is due in the CCC office not later than June 1. Late applications will not be considered; however, a short extension may be considered if the applicant notifies the church of extenuating circumstances prior to the deadline. Receipt of applications will be made by email. Please check with the church office to verify that your application has been received by the church secretary if you do not receive a prompt email.

It is important that your responses be detailed and complete to help the Scholarship Committee better know you. Any questions should be directed to the Scholarship Committee through the church office.

We expect to complete the application review process by July 1 and all applicants will be promptly notified of the results. Scholarship recipients will be invited to the presentation of awards during a worship service in July or August and are encouraged to attend and be acknowledged by the congregation.

Central Christian Church

Ministry Scholarship Application

Full Name:

 Permanent Home Address:

Mailing Address (if different):

Phone Number:

E-mail Address:

Name of Seminary:

Location (City, State):

Do you have an admission letter?

Entry or start date into Seminary Month/year):

Expected Graduation Date (Month, Year):

Degree Sought:

Seminary Level/Classification for this year (eg. 1st year, 2nd year):

Post-secondary education (schools attended, degrees received, completion dates)

Name and address of church where you are a member:

Pastor:

Describe activities during or after college leading to your decision to pursue the present program. Include relevant education, work experiences, community service, etc. If you have a resume covering this material, we invite you to include it.

Describe your status and plan. Where in the ordination process are you? Under whose care? Are you sponsored by a church? What is your vision for ministry?

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Have you received a scholarship from CCC?

Date(s) received:

Do you plan to attend seminary as a full-time student for the full school year?

Will you maintain a residence at or near the school separate from your home?

Annual household income: $

Number of Dependents:

Approximate anticipated annual education cost (tuition, fees, books, supplies and equipment required for attendance). $

% of above amount contributed by you %

 % from loans %

% from other scholarships/grants %

% other (family/church/employer, veterans benefits) %

STUDENT SIGNATURE

I authorize the CCC Scholarship Committee to verify this information with any source. I certify that all information provided in this application is true and complete. (Typed signature is acceptable for on-line submission)

Signature:

Date: