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Advent Christian General Conference

Minorities Scholarship Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

This fund offers college and seminary scholarships to those who display serious interest in pursuing a full-time Christian vocation and are from a minority group. It is under the care of ACGC and administered by the Director of Nurture, working closely with regional and conference leaders.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

Recruitment of applicants will be done by the Department of Nurture, regional presidents and pastors. An applicant may receive a scholarship in his junior or senior year of college or seminary — preferably at one of our partner institutions (listed on the Nurture page of www.acgc.us).

Application Procedure:

Applications can be acquired from and sent to the Department of Nurture for screening.

Scholarship Amount:

Scholarships shall be in the amount of board and room costs or a portion of the same.

Loan Repayment:

Agreement to one of the following options needs to be fulfilled:

- Recipient will spend a period of years equivalent to the number of years he receives scholarship aid in the employment of an Advent Christian church or agency in active full-time Christian ministry.
- Or, the principal must be repaid plus interest at an annual rate of 5%. The schedule of repayment will begin following graduation or upon leaving the denominational employ.

Contact: Director of Nurture, ACGC, PO Box 690848, Charlotte, NC 28227-7015
Tel. 1-800-676-0694.

Advent Christian General Conference

Leadership Resource Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

This fund offers grants for Advent Christian leaders or potential leaders who may be helped through specialized leadership training.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- This is a fund available for people needing assistance in attending a seminar, conference or specialized training event that will enhance their ability to carry out their ministries more effectively.
- This fund is especially applicable to students preparing for Christian ministry, pastors and student ministry leaders.

Application Procedure:

Application may be made through the Department of Nurture, ACGC.

Scholarship Amount:

The Leadership Resource Fund is a reimbursable fund. The applicant will attend the event, provide a report and then receive a reimbursement of expenditures up to a pre-determined amount.

Loan Repayment:

This is funded by special gifts made by persons or groups who are concerned about nurturing and assisting AC leadership.

Contact: Director of Nurture, ACGC, PO Box 690848, Charlotte, NC 28227-7015
Tel. 1-800-676-0694.

Advent Christian General Conference

David Gregory Michael Scholarship Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

A fund to give financial assistance to a worthy child of an AC missionary in obtaining his/her college education.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- A young person of proven academic ability, high moral character, identified career goals, and financial need.
- To be selected by the Director of World Outreach.
- To supply funding that is not covered in the mission budget.
- A recipient should be reviewed annually.

Contact: Director of World Outreach, ACGC, PO Box 690848, Charlotte, NC 28227-7015 • Tel. 1-800-676-0694.

Appalachian Advent Christian Association

Scholarship Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

- Offered to residents of the Appalachian Region.
- Offered to those majoring in full time pastoral training or youth pastor training, missions and Christian Education.
- Levels: Four-year college and seminary.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- The applicant must reside in the Appalachian Region.
- GPA stipulations, and required reading.
- One year required service in AC churches for each year of scholarship. Can be filled in any denominational church.

Application Procedure:

Requirements and application available through our region scholarship committee.

Scholarship Amount:

Maximum Amount: \$1,000 per semester

Maximum Length: 4 years

Loan Repayment:

Funded by each church being encouraged to send \$2 per active member per year.

If person changes careers, the money must be repaid.

Contact: Director of Nurture, ACGC, PO Box 690848, Charlotte, NC 28227-7015
Tel. 1-800-676-0694.

Eastern North Carolina Conference

Scholarship Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

Assistance to members of the conference who desire a degree in higher education for vocational Christian ministry.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- Students from ENC Conference preparing for vocational ministry at a college, Bible Institute, institution of higher learning, or a course of study approved by the ENC Scholarship Committee.
- Christian ministry is defined as pastors, youth ministers, music ministers or worship leaders, missionaries, Christian Education directors, or other vocational ministry positions.

Application Procedure:

- Fill out an application.
- Letter of testimony and evidence of call (first-time applicants).
- Pastoral or ministry recommendation from local ENC AC church or work where applicant is actively involved (one per year).
- Teacher/Professor's letter of recommendation (one per year).
- Apply July 1, Dec. 1, Apr. 1.
- Recommendations made by the Scholarship Committee for final approval by the Executive Board.
- Scholarship award checks will be made out to the institution, then distributed to the student.
- Students reapplying for additional semester: fill out first two sections of the application.

Scholarship Amount:

Scholarships will be granted up to the amount of \$500 per semester, not to exceed \$1,000 per year per student.

Loan Repayment:

No repayment required. The recipient who graduates and becomes gainfully employed and desires to help others as they have been, is encouraged to contribute to the fund.

Contact: AC Conference of Eastern N.C. Scholarship Committee, PO Box 726, Four Oaks, NC 27524 • Tel: 919-963-2194 • Email: accenc@earthlink.net

Western Advent Christian Association

Scholarship Loan Endowment Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

To aid AC students studying toward degrees in ministry, and encourage graduates to seek leadership and pastoral positions in AC churches. Priority is given to WACA members.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- Completed two years of undergraduate studies, maintaining at least a 2.75 GPA, and be in an accepted program toward a bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree. May apply for loan for the third and fourth year of undergraduate study, two years for a Master of Arts degree or three years for a Master of Divinity or doctoral degree for seven years maximum. Exceptions to be reviewed on an individual basis.
- Take not less than 10 quarters or semester hours of study, except active ACGC pastors involved in education program toward undergraduate/graduate degree.
- Must sign a promissory note containing terms of repayment.
- Must report his progress and status quarterly to the Scholarship Loan Committee.

Application Procedure:

Application needs to be submitted 30 days prior to the beginning of the term of enrollment. Must be reviewed and approved by the Scholarship Loan Committee.

Scholarship Amount:

Maximum amount per recipient in a year not to exceed \$5,000. Total amount per recipient over the course study not to exceed \$15,000. Some restrictions apply.

Loan Repayment:

- Loans will be forgiven at a rate of \$3,000 per year of recognized service in an AC church or missionary position. Those on bivocational status: each year of service would forgive \$2,000 of loan debt provided 20 hours a week to ministry is given over an eight-year period. Repayment period to be no more than five years of full-time service in an ACGC church.
- For students not in the service of an AC church: to be repaid monthly, retiring the loan within 10 years at not less than \$100 a month.

Contact: WACA Superintendent/Scholarship Loan Committee, Clio Thomas,
406 Scenic Way, Kent, WA 98030 • Tel. 206-276-8632 • Email: cliowestva@msn.com

West Washington/British Columbia Conference

Scholarship Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

This scholarship is only for WWBC residents.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- WWBC scholarships will be awarded on a case by case basis.
- Maintain 3.0 GPA.
- All requirements (and amount) will be mutually agreed upon by Ex. Committee and the applicant.

Application Procedure:

- Applications need to be filled out with three recommendations.
- Application can be made by letter to the conference ex. committee c/o rickq2000@yahoo.com or c/o Fountain Community Church, 2100 Broadway, Bellingham, WA 98225.

Scholarship Amount:

The scholarship amount is \$1,500 per year maximum, \$6,000 total maximum.

Loan Repayment:

Payback 20% a year will be forgiven for recognized service in an AC church; otherwise the amount is to be paid back monetarily — pay back sliding scale for years served in an AC church.

Contact: WWBC Superintendent Rev. James Crouse • Tel. 360-715-1674
Email: regionalsuper@hotmail.com

Aurora University

Scholarship Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

For students who currently are members of an Advent Christian Church.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

Restricted requirements include:

- Admission to traditional undergraduate program at AU.
- Full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 semester hours per semester).
- Membership in an AC Church.

Application Procedure:

- Apply online at www.aurora.edu/scholarships .
- The deadline to submit this application is August 1.
- Advent Christian Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing of any funds awarded.

Scholarship Amount:

Awards are based on number of applicants and availability of funds.

Loan Repayment:

Advent Christian Endowed Scholarship funds are made possible through the generous gifts of friends and alumni.

For information and application, contact: Erin Halley, 630-844-5297,

Email: ehalley@aurora.edu

For information about scholarships, contact: Heather McKane, 630-844-5448,

Email: hmckane@aurora.edu

Maine State Conference of Advent Christian Churches

DuBois Scholarship

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

This scholarship is given in loving memory of Rev. Wendell DuBois, Tammy DuBois and Virgene Hughes. It is designed to assist those seeking a call to vocational ministry in achieving their academic goals.

The scholarship monies will be disbursed during the 2nd Semester of the academic year.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

Preference will be given to:

- Those attending an Advent Christian Church in the Maine State Conference.
- Those who are sensing a call to ministry.
- Those who are in need of financial assistance.
- Those seeking to attend a Christian College.

Application Procedure:

- All application materials must be received by June 30 to be considered.
- Application must include the following:
 1. Application must be completed in full.
 2. Evidence of personal faith must be shown through written testimony.
 3. Pastoral recommendation.
 4. Copy of most recent transcripts.

Scholarship Amount:

Scholarship amount will be determined based on number of applicants and available funds.

Contact: Maine State Conference President or Conference Secretary,
Email: www.maineacc.org

Maine State Conference of Advent Christian Churches

Leadership Development Scholarship Program

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

- The Maine State Advent Christian Conference Scholarship Fund is established for the purpose of helping those men and women who are actively involved in ministry to our Conference churches (pastors, associate pastors, youth pastors, lay leaders etc.) enhance their spiritual growth, and/or improve their ministry skills.
- This fund may be used to cover formal college, seminary or TEMPE educational course expenses (tuition, books, etc.)
- No more than one scholarship will be granted to any one individual in any given year.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

Those receiving scholarship aid will be expected to be available to the Conference churches and to the Annual Conference Session, to lead workshops, retreats, etc., based on the teaching they have received.

Application Procedure:

Application for financial aid shall be made on the appropriate form and sent to the Conference President.

Scholarship Amount:

The amount of scholarship aid will be determined at the discretion of the Conference Executive Committee. Individual scholarship grants will be no more than 20% of the total amount budgeted for this fund.

Contact: Maine State Conference President or Conference Secretary,
Email: www.maineacc.org

Southern Advent Christian Association

Scholarship / Loan Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

Available to AC students in the Southern Region who are preparing for ministry (pastoral, youth or missionary) in the AC church.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

Student must attend a university or seminary approved by SACA.

Application Procedure:

Application must be made to the regional office and more details will be given.

Scholarship Amount:

Up to \$1,000 per semester to student attending a university or seminary approved by SACA.

Loan Repayment:

Upon completing his/her education, if the student enters AC ministry, this loan is reduced 20% per year until repaid in full. If student chooses not to enter AC ministry, the loan is to be repaid to SACA.

Contact: Southern Regional Superintendent at sacaministries@gmail.com

Eastern Regional Association

Scholarship / Loan Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

- One scholarship award will be made annually.
- Amount awarded determined by funds available/made directly to the institution in name of recipient.
- Award monies taken from Vincent E. Taber Memorial Scholarship Fund.
- Applications reviewed by Regional Board and Board of Directors at annual meeting.
- Decision made by Board of Directors and not more than once at any level, unless no other qualified student applies.
- Information obtained from Eastern Regional Association

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- A member in good standing of an ACC within the Eastern Region of ACGC.
- Preference to those committed to train for pastoral ministry, missions, youth ministry or other church-related vocation within the AC denomination.
- Must be of sound Christian character with a recommendation letter from their pastor along with the scholarship application.
- Must fill out financial form demonstrating financial need.
- Must provide a transcript of the last completed year of schooling.

Scholarship Amount:

Amount awarded determined by funds available, made directly to the institution in the name of the recipient.

Contact: Eastern Regional Association, PO Box 1913, Rochester, NH 03866-1913.
Tel. 603-332-1412 • Email: www.aceasternregion.org

Virginia Advent Christian Conference

Scholarship Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

Awarded to those attending Bible College and pursuing a degree in church-related work.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- A member in good standing of an AC church in the Virginia Conference and recommended by pastor or church leader.
- Having received a scholarship, the recipient must serve in Christian work during the school year and report to the Virginia Conference Executive Board at their next annual session.

Application Procedure:

Apply in writing by August 1 to the Executive Board of Virginia Conference each school year.

Scholarship Amount:

Amount disbursed according to amount available and number of applicants.

Loan Repayment:

The recipient not employed bivocationally or in full-time Christian service after graduation will be expected to repay monies received.

Contact: The president of the Virginia Conference.

Berkshire Christian College

Scholarship Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

Private Christian education is usually priced higher than State subsidized education. In order to offset some of the cost, the college provides substantial scholarship assistance to their students. Call for details.

In addition to the courses that are offered, Berkshire Christian College is partnered with two excellent Christian institutions:

- *Undergraduate level* — Eastern University
- *Graduate level* — Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary

Application Procedure:

Applications and inquiries may be sent to the address below.

Contact: Berkshire Christian College, PO Box 826, Haverhill, MA 01831

Central Advent Christian Mission Society

Richard Fell Memorial Scholarship / Loan Fund

What's Offered (Package) / Guidelines:

To assist in preparing for ministry vocations within AC church to an accredited institution of higher learning or BICS. Undergraduate levels — pastoral, missionary, Christian Education and youth ministries. Graduate levels — leading to master's or doctoral degrees in Christian ministry areas.

Qualification / Eligibility Requirements:

- God's call to ministry and a commitment to serve the AC church.
- Affirmation of AC faith and doctrine, and adherence to "AC Declaration of Principles."
- An active member of an AC church in the Central Region or a child of an active AC missionary.
- Enrollment in an approved program in an accredited institution of higher learning or BICS.
- To serve in a leadership position in an AC church or an AC mission field.

Application Procedure:

- Submit completed application form.
- Write a narrative to describe current situation, goals, future plans and reason for applying for a loan.
- Two letters of recommendation.
- Details of graduate program if applicable.

The documents will be processed and evaluated, then the Scholarship Committee will arrange for an interview. A mentor will be assigned when loan is approved.

Scholarship Amount:

Scholarship amount is up to \$2,000 per year.

Loan Repayment:

Six months after graduation or end of program. Loan is forgiven at the rate of \$2,000 per year of service to the AC church if student is employed half-time or more. That amount is pro-rated for those serving less than half-time. Cash payment is required for those not serving an AC ministry.

Contact: CACMS Scholarship Committee c/o Dr. William Norwood, Interim Regional Superintendent, 2237 High Ridge Parkway Hillside, IL, 60162 • 866-314-5275