

The United Methodist  
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**SCHOLARSHIP**

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**2016-2017 URBAN MINISTRY  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Dear Friends in Christ,

A copy of the application form for the Urban Ministry Scholarship Fund of the United Methodist City Society is available at the United Methodist City Society website, [www.umcitysociety.org](http://www.umcitysociety.org).

Limited funds are available for those persons who have demonstrated experience and interest in urban ministry, along with some level of financial need. The Scholarship Fund is designated **primarily** to assist those persons who are planning to enter full-time ordained ministry in a United Methodist Church with special interest in urban ministry.

All candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Membership in a church in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Enrollment in a seminary approved by the University Senate of the United Methodist Church
- Will be a full or part time seminary student for the academic year 2016 – 2017
- Must be inquiring candidate, with an assigned mentor, in the candidacy process of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church
- Provide proof of financial need

Priority in the awards will be given to persons who have a desire to enter full time ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church in an urban setting.

The Scholarship Committee **will NOT** review applications from persons that:

- Are not members of churches in the New York Annual Conference;
- Are not involved in urban ministries currently;
- Are pursuing additional advanced degrees (*i.e. second master's degree or doctoral degree*); and
- Are not pursuing programs that will lead to a degree.
- Do not submit the application by the deadline.
- Are NOT attending an approved seminary.

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The **deadline for 2016 -2017 scholarship applications is FRIDAY, MAY 13TH at 12 Noon (sent by email, fax or hand delivered)**. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be accepted. All reference letters must come by separate cover. (Your application **will not be denied** if we do not receive a reference letter from your pastor, District Superintendent, and/or Candidacy Mentor by the May 13th deadline. The scholarship committee of UMCS will meet mid-May.)

Scholarship Awards will be announced at the New York Annual Conference Session.

Feel free to contact me by email at [bshillady@umcitysociety.org](mailto:bshillady@umcitysociety.org) or by phone at (212) 870-3094, if you have any questions or need any further information concerning the Scholarship Fund.

In God's love, joy and humor,

Reverend Dr. William S. Shillady  
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