



Hampden Association Scholarship Fund

The **Hampden Association Scholarship Fund** was established to assist students participating in the "In Care" program of the Hampden Association and clergy who have ecclesiastical standing in the Hampden Association and are pursuing continuing education. In the 1970's, the fund received a generous endowment from the will of **Jack and Mary Johnson** of First Church of Longmeadow.

Sources of Revenue: the Johnson Fund, Installation & Ordination offerings, income revenue from Association dues, and special gifts from Association churches and individuals. The grants will be given at least twice each academic year to qualified individuals.

Emmanuel Scholarship Fund

The **Emmanuel Scholarship Fund** was established in 1999 with funds from the former Emmanuel United Church of Christ of Springfield, Massachusetts, for the benefit of seminary students participating in the "In Care" program of the Hampden Association. Any undistributed earnings are available for use for the continuing education of applicants from the clergy with ecclesiastical standing in the Hampden Association. These funds are permanently restricted Massachusetts Conference endowments and are distributed by the Committee on Church and Ministry of the Hampden Association.

Scholarship Guidelines

1. In-Care Students

- A. Must apply to Scholarship Chair of Committee on Church and Ministry with approval of their Association appointed advisor. Separate applications must be submitted for each semester (fall and spring) each year and for the funding for the Hampden Association's share for a psychological assessment.
- B. Minimum grants from Hampden Association Scholarship Fund are \$500.00 and the Maximum is \$1,000.00 per academic year for full-time students, with a proportionate amount for part-time students.

A one-time grant will be given to eligible students for the balance of the cost for the required psychological assessment. The student's share which is a minimum of \$200 and the sponsoring church's share which is a minimum of \$400 must be paid prior to the assessment.

Minimum grants from Emmanuel Scholarship Fund are based on available funds but not less than \$1,000 per academic year.

- C. The Committee on Church and Ministry will review applications and award appropriate scholarships.
- D. Grants will be sent directly to educational institutions.

2. Continuing Education Programs For Hampden Association Clergy

- A. Continuing Education requests should be sent to the Scholarship Chair of the Committee on Church and Ministry with validation by the Registrar of ecclesiastical standing in the Hampden Association.
- B. Ministers can apply for grants of from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 per year, depending on availability of funds.
- C. For new candidates, priority will be given to degree programs as such as DMin, PHD, MA, MS, Pastoral Counseling, CPE, and Certification. Other programs will be considered; limited to the funds available.
- D. The Committee on Church and Ministry will review applications and award appropriate scholarships.

The Committee hopes these guidelines will assist our "In Care" students and our association clergy as they follow God's calling in their careers.