

**APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP**  
**THROUGH THE CHRIST UNITED JACKSON**  
**MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

(Form approved December 1, 2010)

**I.**

**PURPOSE OF THE MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Scholarships have been created through the Christ United Jackson Ministerial Scholarship Fund to financially assist qualified men and women who are, or intend to become, full time pastors, missionaries, youth ministers, music ministers, church counselors or other similar full-time Christian workers ("Full Time Christian Ministry").

Christ United Jackson Scholarship Fund Committee ("The Committee") awards these scholarships to assist students in pursuing their seminary education. It is the desire of The Committee to be accountable to the donors and provide financial assistance to qualified applicants. In order to do this, guidelines and policies have been created to assist The Committee in its work.

**II.**

**CRITERIA FOR AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS**

PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THE CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE COMMITTEE AND COMPLETE THE APPLICATION. Once completed, the application along with all requested attachments and transcripts **must be returned via mail no email or fax, NO LATER THAN JUNE 1**, for the school year beginning in the fall, to:

CHRIST UNITED JACKSON  
MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIPS  
ATTN: MICHELLE VARNER  
6000 OLD CANTON ROAD  
JACKSON, MS 39211

**INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

1. Scholarships are awarded to deserving individuals who are preparing for, or actively engaged in full time Christian Ministry.
2. To be considered for a scholarship the applicant must have an overall college or seminary grade point average of 2.5, or above, on a 4-point scale and must maintain a grade point average of 2.5 or greater to be considered for additional funds.

3. The fully completed application form, along with applicant's current college/seminary transcript and the attached "Certificate of Church Membership" must be submitted to The Committee no later than June 1.
4. Scholarships are normally awarded only once a year, in or around July.
5. No scholarship will be awarded for more than one school year at a time. Therefore, a new application for a scholarship must be submitted for each new school year. The Committee is not obligated to award a scholarship to a previous recipient, regardless of the recipient's qualifications or grade point average.
6. Except in exceptional circumstances, all scholarship funds for an applicant will be paid directly to the seminary being attended by the applicant. The Committee may, however, in its sole discretion, based on criteria deemed by The Committee to be exceptional, submit scholarship funds directly to the applicant. In such cases, the applicant will be required to submit paid receipts for all expenditures of the scholarship funds along with such other information that The Committee may from time-to-time request. The Committee's decision regarding the recipient of the funds shall be final.
7. Scholarships are awarded only when The Committee, in its sole discretion, determines that sufficient funds are available. The Committee's determination of sufficiency of funds is final.
8. Applicant's pastor must submit to The Committee the completed "Certification of Church Membership" which is attached to and is a part of this application.
9. Applicants must also submit three written recommendations with the application for a scholarship. (Not from the same pastor that submits the "Certification of Church Membership.")
10. Applications will be received and processed using the following time frames:
  - a. Completed applications received by June 1 will be considered for the school year beginning in the fall.
  - b. The Committee will make every reasonable effort to review the application and notify the applicant of The Committee's decision no later than July 31.
  - c. When a scholarship for the school year has been awarded, The Committee will, upon receipt of an invoice from the seminary and other requested documents, mail the approved funds to the seminary within the time frame required.
11. All applications, recommendations, documents and material of every kind submitted to The Committee becomes its property, and The Committee is under no obligation to return the application, recommendations, documents, material, or any part thereof, to the applicant.

### III.

#### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED.)

Date:

Name:

Date of Birth:

Permanent Address:

Telephone (Cell)

E-mail Address:

Church Membership:

Church's Address:

How long have you been a member of your church?

Pastor's name, address and telephone number:

List all colleges and universities you have attended:

Your intended vocation:

Where do you intend to engage in Full Time Christian Ministry after graduating from seminary?

Seminary you will be attending:

Address of Seminary: (It is important to give the correct address. If you are awarded a scholarship, the check will be mailed to the seminary.)

To the best of your knowledge and belief is the seminary an Accredited Christian Seminary?

YES     NO

Number of credit hours you plan to take per semester:

Anticipated graduation date:

Why do you desire to attend seminary? (You may attach an additional page if necessary).

Please provide a brief summary of your short term and long-term goals and how your seminary training will help you accomplish those goals. Include a status report on progress with seminary training, i.e. How many hours are in the program? How many hours have you completed, if any? What is your anticipated completion date? ( Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Please provide the following information concerning your anticipated income and expenses during your seminary training:

	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester
Tuition			
Books			
Room and Board			
Travel			
Total Expenses			
Scholarships Received			
Annual Income			
Spouse's Annual Income			

**INCOME**

Are you presently employed, either part time or full time?

If the answer to the question immediately above is "yes" please answer the following:

(1) Number of hours you work per week:

(2) Name and address of present employer:

(3) Current annual salary:

(4) Do you anticipate keeping your current job while attending seminary?

Yes  No

Will you be serving an Appointment while in seminary?

If so, name of church:

Expected salary:

Will you have a part-time job other than serving as the pastor of a local church?

Expected salary:

Spouse's Name:

Number of Children:

Spouse's Occupation:

Age(s) of Children:

Please list all additional income from all other sources including a summary of all scholarships, grants, and financial support from individuals and churches.

In what ways do you desire The Committee to assist you in your seminary education?

If you are currently a student, do you have any outstanding debt at the university that could prohibit Christ United Jackson scholarship funds being used toward upcoming semesters?

What is the expected annual dollar amount you hope to receive from The Committee?



#### IV.

#### **ADDITIONAL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION**

The following items are considered a part of your application and must be submitted to the Committee on or before June 1, for the school year beginning in the fall.

- (1) Your official college/seminary transcript. It is your responsibility to request your school to send an official transcript to The Committee.
- (2) The "Certificate of Church Membership" must be submitted to The Committee by your pastor.
- (3) Three (3) letters of recommendation. (persons other than the pastor that submits the Certificate of Church Membership)

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO BE SURE EVERYTHING REQUIRED IS SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR BEGINNING IN THE FALL.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A SCHOLARSHIP.

#### CERTIFICATION OF APPLICANT

I CERTIFY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS CORRECT AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT PROVIDING FALSE OR MISLEADING INFORMATION ON THIS APPLICATION IS GROUNDS FOR NON-CONSIDERATION.

Submitted this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant.

*All recommendations, transcripts, certificates and other information required to be furnished with this application should be hand delivered or mailed to:*

CHRIST UNITED JACKSON  
MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE  
MICHELLE VARNER  
6000 OLD CANTON ROAD  
JACKSON, MS 39211

## CERTIFICATE OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Applicant must complete the first sentence below and then give/mail the certificate to your pastor with the request that he/she complete the certificate and submit it to Christ United Jackson, Ministerial Scholarship Fund Committee, Attn: Michelle Varner, 6000 Old Canton Road, Jackson, MS 39211 on or before June 1.

This is to advise that \_\_\_\_\_ has applied for a scholarship from Christ United Jackson Church's Ministerial Scholarship Fund to attend \_\_\_\_\_ (name of seminary).

### CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO BE SUPPLIED BY PASTOR

This is to certify that \_\_\_\_\_ has been a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Does this person need financial assistance?      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know

Has this person been active in the programs of your church?      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know

Does this person have leadership ability?      \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know

Do you know of any reason why this person should not be awarded a ministerial scholarship from Christ United Jackson?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Don't know

(If your answer to this last question is yes, please explain on a separate sheet.)

Please describe this student's involvement in your church. Please include such information as regular participation in worship and education, leadership positions, service to individuals and to the church as a whole. (Attach a separate sheet if needed.)

Describe the student's involvement in the community.

Do you recommend this person for a ministerial scholarship from the Christ United Jackson Ministerial Scholarship Fund?

Why? (Attach an additional sheet if necessary.)

Please furnish any other information you believe would be relevant to the Scholarship Fund Committee in its deliberations. Attach an additional sheet if necessary.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor

Please return this completed form by June 1, 2022 to:

Christ United Jackson  
Ministerial Scholarship Fund Committee  
Attn: Michelle Varner  
6000 Old Canton Road  
Jackson, MS 39211