



THEMATIC PRIORITIES
ELIMINATION OF POVERTY - GLOBAL HEALTH
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT - CONGREGATIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT (ILDG)

Information sheet for the next cycle: 2010/2011

Deadline for Submission of Materials: September 30, 2009. Please note that materials must be *received* by September 30, and not postmarked by this date.

The Scholarship/Leadership Development Office will only be able to process *current* application forms, marked "2010/2011" in the lower left-hand corner of the first page. We will not be able to consider submissions of old application forms. Please request these new forms directly from the Scholarship/Leadership Development Office:

by e-mail: scholars@gbgm-umc.org
by phone: 212-870-3787
by mail: Scholarship/Leadership Development Office
General Board of Global Ministries, Room 1351
475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115

NOTE: When requesting an application form, please indicate to us of what country you are a citizen, and in what ways you are eligible to apply, based on the criteria explained below.

Important!! Eligibility Criteria Changes

- ◆ *We will now only be able to accept applications from students who are directly related to a mission partner of Global Ministries.* A person related to a mission partner is someone who is a United Methodist, a Methodist, or is a member of, is working for, or is volunteering for a church, ecumenical or grassroots institution with which Global Ministries is in partnership or has been funding. The student must have one of the three recommendation forms of the application packet filled out by someone representing the mission partnership.

PLEASE NOTE – The following are not eligible to apply:

- ◆ Global Ministries' staff, directors, mission personnel,
- ◆ UMC bishops (active or retired), and
- ◆ family members of any of the above.

Overview

The ILDG is a very competitive program with a varying number of new recipients per year from around the world, depending on the availability of funding. Applicants may apply for funding for post-secondary, master's, doctoral, professional, or leadership development study in accredited academic or vocational institutions or lay institutes. The objective of funding these individuals is to support the preparation of students who will return to their regions to work in the furtherance of Christian mission in the following prioritized area of emphasis: elimination of poverty, expansion of global health, leadership development, or congregational development.

The scholarship range is from approximately \$250 US – \$6,000 US, depending on the student's related needs and the school expenses. The specific financial request *must be substantiated* by an official school budget. Due to the financial limitations in our scholarship funding and the high cost of education, we tend to prioritize students who are studying in their own regions.

Please note that funding is for the acquisition of only one degree, and that submission of an application does not guarantee a scholarship award. Students will be notified in writing in May/June 2010 as to the outcome of the application process.