

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT GRANT (NLDG)

Information sheet for the next cycle 2008/2009

Deadline for Submission of Materials: May 31, 2008

Please note that materials must be *received* by May 31, and not postmarked by this date. 2008/2009 application forms should be ready by March 2008. Please be kind enough to contact us not earlier than February 15 so that we may send you a packet.

The Scholarship/Leadership Development Office will only be able to process *current* application forms, marked "2008/2009" 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
Global Ministries, Room 1351
475 Riverside Dr., New York, NY 10115

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a National Leadership Development Grant, you must be:

- ◆ a member of a racial or ethnic minority, and a US citizen or a US permanent resident
- ◆ admitted to or have applied to an undergraduate study program, in an accredited or approved institution of higher education, and
- ◆ able to demonstrate evidence of financial need.
- ◆ High priority is given to members of The United Methodist Church.

PLEASE NOTE: The following are not eligible to apply:

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

Overview

Through National Leadership Development Grants, Global Ministries strives to aid individuals in developing their community/church leadership potential and to provide educational opportunities for racial and ethnic minority students through undergraduate study in accredited academic institutions. Global Ministries' goal is to equip persons for leadership involvement in the life and mission of the Church, as well as service to communities in need. Areas of mission prioritized are: elimination of poverty, expansion of global health, leadership and congregational development. The NLDG is a competitive program with about 5-10 new recipients per year, depending on the availability of funding. The scholarship range is from approximately \$1,000 – \$4,000, depending on the students' related needs and the school expenses. The specific financial request *must be substantiated* by an official school budget.

Please note that a possible scholarship award 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 as to the outcome of the application process.