

WORLD COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP (WCIntl)
(formerly Crusade International Scholarship)
Information sheet for the next cycle 2009/2010

Deadline for Submission of Materials: November 30, 2008

Please note that materials must be *received* by November 30, and not postmarked by this date.

The Scholarship/Leadership Development Office will only be able to process *current* application forms, marked "2009/2010" 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

When requesting an application form, please mention the degree program that you will be applying for, whether you are a United Methodist/Methodist/partner church member, and of what country you are a citizen.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for a World Communion International Scholarship, you must be:

- ◆ a member of The United Methodist Church, or The Methodist Church, or a church with which Global Ministries is in partnership;
- ◆ endorsed by the Scholarship Committee, or appropriate church leader of one of the above-mentioned churches; this endorsement must come from your HOME conference or church;
- ◆ admitted to or have applied to a Master's, Doctoral or professional-level study program in an institution of higher education; (this scholarship is NOT for students who are studying at the post-secondary level);
- ◆ able to demonstrate evidence of financial need.

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 World Communion Scholarship Program is designed to enable the educational preparation of church and community leaders around the world so that they may serve in the mission of their churches and societies upon completion of their studies. This is done through providing financial support to students in their Master's, Doctoral or professional level studies at universities or seminaries. Candidates are required to have the written support of their home conferences, and recipients should have the probability of offering 5 years of service to their churches and/or communities. 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. Areas of mission prioritized are: elimination of poverty, expansion of global health, and leadership and congregational development. Due to the restrictions on scholarship funding and the high cost of education, we tend to prioritize students who are studying in their own regions.

The World Communion International Scholarship Program is highly selective with approximately 5-10 new international (non-US) recipients each year from around the world. The scholarship range is approximately from \$250 US – \$12,500 US, depending on the student's related needs and the school expenses. The specific financial request *must be substantiated* by an official school budget submitted with the application form.

Please note that a 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.