



Global Ministries
The United Methodist Church

THEMATIC PRIORITIES
ELIMINATION OF POVERTY - GLOBAL HEALTH
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WORLD COMMUNION NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP (WCNat)

(formerly Crusade National Scholarship)

Information sheet for the next cycle: 2010-2011

Deadline for Submission of Materials: November 30, 2009. 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 "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@qbgm-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

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

Eligibility Criteria

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

- ◆ a member of a racial or ethnic minority;
- ◆ admitted to or have applied to a graduate-level study program in an institution of higher education;
- ◆ 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, 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 graduate-level studies at universities or seminaries. World Communion Scholarship 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 work in the furtherance of Christian mission in the following prioritized areas of emphasis: elimination of poverty, expansion of global health, leadership development, or congregational development.

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

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.