

Application for Herring and Stark Memorial Grant

| PERSONAL INFORMATION | |
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| Name of applicant (last, first, middle initial) | Date of birth (mm/dd/yr) / / |
| Address (number and street) | City/State/ZIP |
| Telephone number (with area code) () - | E-mail address @ |
| PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION BELOW | |
| I am attending/attended: _____ | I expect to graduate/did graduate: _____ |
| (Name of Seminary/Theological School and City/State) | (mm/dd/yr) |
| I am a Member in Discernment: _____ | |
| (Name of UCC Association or Conference Acting as an Association) | |
| I intend to become ordained into the Christian Ministry, to be authorized for ministry in a UCC Association or Conference acting as an Association, and to serve the members of the UCC within 5 years of receiving this grant if awarded. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| Please check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> I anticipate that my financial security in retirement will depend on my ability to set aside funds from my earnings as a minister and on retirement benefits provided by pension dues to the UCC Annuity Fund. <input type="checkbox"/> I anticipate not relying on a pension from the UCC Annuity Fund because I expect to have an adequate retirement income from other sources. | |
| Please check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> I am not yet a member of the Annuity Plan for the United Church of Christ. <input type="checkbox"/> I am already a member of the Annuity Plan for the United Church of Christ. If so, _____ (Member ID) | |
| SIGNATURE | |
| Applicant's signature | Date |

Completed applications include:

Application Form, Annuity Plan Membership Application, and copy of birth certificate, passport or driver's license. All documents need to be received by July 1 to be considered for a grant in that calendar year.

Please return to the Pension Boards at the attention of Ministerial Assistance at the address indicated below, and retain a copy for your records.

The Herring and Stark Memorial Funds provide grants for those completing their seminary education to create an account in the Annuity Plan for the United Church of Christ and begin saving for a more secure retirement.

Eligibility

Persons are eligible to apply if they

- have graduated from seminary in the six months prior to July 1 or anticipate graduating from seminary by July 1
- expect to be ordained within five years of receiving the grant
- intend to serve in the United Church of Christ
- are Members in Discernment recognized by a UCC Association/Conference and/or Licensed Ministers authorized by a UCC Association/Conference
- expect that their financial security in retirement will depend on the retirement benefits from the regular pension contributions of a UCC employer and by additional personal earnings and savings from working in the United Church of Christ

Current Herring and Stark grants usually range from \$300 to \$1,500, but vary depending on current funds available and the number of applicants.

Application Process

Complete the Herring Stark Memorial Funds Application and the Pension Boards' Annuity Plan Membership Application and return both documents with a copy of your birth certificate, passport, or driver's license by July 1 to: The Pension Boards-United Church of Christ, Attention: Ministerial Assistance, 475 Riverside Drive, Room 1020, New York, NY 10115.

Grants are awarded annually by November 1 to qualified applicants.

Continued Eligibility Requirements

Within the first five years of the receipt of the grant you must

- be ordained to the Christian Ministry and authorized for ministry by an Association or Conference of the United Church of Christ
- be employed by a UCC church or related organization that makes contributions to your annuity account at the level recommended by General Synod (currently 14% of salary plus housing allowance) for at least two years

If you do not meet the continued eligibility requirements listed above, then your annuity seed grant will revert to the Herring and Stark Memorial Funds.

