

Eastern North Carolina Association Scholarships And Internship Grants

The Eastern North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ awards scholarships and grants for internships annually to students in our association who are pursuing education with a plan for vocational ministry.

Who is eligible for a Scholarship or Internship Grant?

The applicant must:

- Be an "In Care" Student approved by the ENCA Church and Ministry Commission.
- Plan to minister in a UCC setting upon completion of education program or degree. (5 year minimum requirement)
- Attend an Institution **accredited** by the **Association of Theological Schools Commission on Accreditation** or be a student in the Southern Conference **Pastoral Leadership Development Program**.
- Have membership in a ENCA congregation

Frequently Asked Questions:

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Complete an ENCA Scholarship Applications available at the ENCA office. The period for receiving applications is **May 1 through June 30 only**. Scholarships are for the next school year's educational expenses and paid directly to the institution. There is a five-year maximum eligibility period per student.

Who makes the decision ?

The Scholarship Committee consists of persons from ENCA churches appointed annually by the ENCA Board of Directors. The amount of money awarded to each student depends on the financial need, the number of applicants. Scholarship and Internship grants are award based on financial need based on the application the student submits. For internships, the committee also considers the availability of a match with an ENCA church, the availability of other internships to the student and the needs of the church. The amount of funds available for all Scholarships and Grants is approved at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern North Carolina Association.

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How does an Individual apply for an internship?

The prospective intern must fill out the Application and include a statement explaining goals for internship and the intern's areas of interest. The period for receiving applications is **May 1 through June 30 only**.

How does a Church request an intern?

The Church submits a request to the ENCA office with a job description, the length and hours of the internship, the amount of matching funds available (\$1500 minimum), and a current statement of finances (budget and Income statement). Additionally, the Church agrees to follow the ENCA guidelines for Internships. The period for receiving requests is **May 1 through June 30 only**.

How long is the Internship?

The length of the internship can vary depending upon the needs church and intern. Most interns will serve the church for 10 hours a week from October to April. No internship will exceed one year.

Who supervises the work of the intern?

The intern's work within the church will be under the supervision of the pastor or a leader of the church if no pastor is available. The ENCA will also appoint a Mentor whose role is to support to the intern and the church.

For more information:

Contact the Reverend Vertie Powers at the Associational Office.
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Funds for scholarships and internships come from donations and from Associational dues paid by member churches in the ENCA and are available for persons who hold membership in churches located within the Association.