

Ministerial Recruitment and Nurture

Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church

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Ministerial Formation Matching Grant Summary Intern Application

Purpose:

- Ministerial Development Taskforce seeks to provide financial support for activities designed to help individual explore the principles and practices vocational discernment in general and the call to ordained ministry in particular. The goal of this internship is to enable potential ministry candidates to experience full time Christian service. Christian formation is relationship focused, thus a one on one mentor relationship between a clergy person and the intern is the central facet of this program.

Deadlines & Submission application:

- These forms may be handwritten, or typed. (Accessible online at okumc.org > Conference Ministries > Ministerial Recruitment and Nurture >> Ministerial Formation Matching Grant). Completed eight forms should be mailed to: Ministerial Recruitment and Nurture 1501 N.W. 24th St., Oklahoma City OK 73106.
- Application deadline is May 3, 2010.

Age:

- Applicant must be older than 18 years of age.

Education:

- If enrolled in school student must maintain a 2.5 GPA

Guidelines for submitting nominations:

- Internship is to serve with only ministry locations in the Oklahoma Conference of The United Methodist Church.
- Applicant must meet with mentor pastor on regular basis (Similar to Candidacy Mentor).
- Applicant must see and experience the full gamut of ministry (Such as: Small Group Bible Studies, Preaching, Pastoral Care, Administration, and Worship).
- A formal reflection on ministry internship will be submitted after internship (guiding question will be provided). As this is a new program we will set up an exit interview with a representative(s) from the Ministerial Development Taskforce.

A Completed Proposal has two parts:

- Part 1: Applicant Information Form
- Part 2: Applicant Ministry Inquiry

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Part 1: Applicant Information Form

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email (please print clearly): _____

Telephone: _____ Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Sex: M F Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Ethnic Background: _____ Race: _____

Name of Father: _____ Name of Mother: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Hobbies and what you do to relax: _____

EDUCATION:

School: _____ What Grade/year: _____

Extracurricular Actives: _____

Your Grade Point Average: _____

COMMUNITY OF FAITH:

Home Church: _____

District: _____

Your Church Participation ___ Regular ___ Occasional ___ Never

Ministry Leadership (if any): _____

Sunday Worship: Yes No

Church School: Yes No

Youth Fellowship: Yes No

Choir: Yes No

Summer Camp: Yes No

Any changes in membership? : Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Any recent changes in your religious life? : Yes No If yes, explain: _____

Church attended in childhood Denomination: _____ City/State _____

Baptized: ___ Yes ___ No If yes, when? _____

Church and Pastor you consider to be the primary influence on you? _____

MINISTRY EXPLORATION:

What has lead you to explore ministry (experience, people)?

To what type of ministry do you feel especially called?

Check five (5) of the following areas to indicate your special calling in the ministry:

- ___ Music
- ___ Educator
- ___ Inner City Ministry
- ___ Christian Education
- ___ Suburban Ministry
- ___ Youth Ministry
- ___ Chaplain
- ___ Pastor
- ___ Campus
- ___ Preacher
- ___ Parish
- ___ Social Activist
- ___ Business Manager
- ___ Health Ministries
- ___ Missions
- ___ Counselor
- ___ Rural Ministry
- ___ Program Director
- ___ Evangelist
- ___ Institutional Leader
- ___ Spiritual Guide
- ___ Other _____

What are your educational plans for reaching your goal of a career in this type ministry?

What are areas that you specifically like to be challenged or grow in?

Is there a specific geographical area that you would like to experience (i.e. Rural, Urban, and Suburb)?

As you see yourself list three (3) of your most important strengths or outstanding traits and three (3) of your weaknesses or areas of needed growth (in order 1-2-3).

Strengths

Weaknesses

Signed _____ Date _____