

UUA FINANCIAL AID GRANTS FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION 2020-2021

The Unitarian Universalist Association offers a variety of scholarship resources to support the growth and excellence of Unitarian Universalist ministry. The source of these funds include the St. Lawrence Foundation for Theological Education, the Living Tradition Fund, capital campaign funds and various UUA scholarship trust funds, some of which are designated for aspirants and candidates of color and/or individuals from historically marginalized groups.

In 2018, the UUA Scholarship Committee awarded over \$150,000 and we look forward to continuing this tradition.

Financial aid grants are determined by the UUA Scholarship Committee. In accordance with the UUA Strategic Plan for Professional Ministries, scholarship funds have been pooled into fairly significant amounts and targeted to promising and diverse aspirants and candidates.

If you are planning to apply for financial aid from the UUA, please read over the following guidelines and instructions carefully. It is your responsibility to make sure that all forms and letters of reference are received by the Ministerial Credentialing Office (MCO) by **5pm EST, Wednesday April 15th, 2020. Every item MUST be in possession of the Ministerial Credentialing Office by that date and time.** Individuals who have been selected for a scholarship will be notified by May 24th, 2020.

Incomplete applications will not be considered by the UUA Scholarship Committee. You may check the status of your application materials by contacting the Ministerial Credentialing Office at mco@uaa.org.

ELIGIBILITY FOR AID:

Unless otherwise specified, information and applications for financial aid can be obtained by contacting the Ministerial Credentialing Office. The UUA Scholarship Committee reviews applications and decisions are made on the basis of merit and need.

To be eligible to apply for UUA financial aid grants, applicants must be in **aspirant or candidate status**, be half-time or full-time in seminary, and will be attending seminary in the upcoming academic year, except for scholarships that are granted only to incoming first-year students.

Please note that some scholarships are restricted to those in candidate status by the donor. Those serving in an internship are also eligible to apply, even if they will not be enrolled in theological school during the internship. Interns in congregations funded by an Internship Stipend Grant may have their financial aid award adjusted.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- 1) Please complete a 2,000 word essay incorporating the following questions: What do you believe is the most pressing social justice concern that you have encountered in your ministerial formation? How do you plan to engage this concern in your future ministry? How does your social location inform your planning? If you applied for scholarship assistance in the past, has your understanding of the most pressing social justice concern changed? How and why?
- 2) Please describe your call to the Unitarian Universalist ministry (250 words).
- 3) Please submit your resume (no more than three pages).
- 4) Please fill out the Financial Aid Application, Annual Expenses, and Net Worth forms.
- 5) Please have your financial aid officer fill out the specified form of the 2020-2021 Financial Aid Application.

- 6) Please have a Unitarian Universalist minister in final fellowship (but not a faculty member from your theological school) fill out a recommendation letter form.
- 7) Please have your faculty advisor or other faculty member fill out a recommendation letter form.
- 8) Except for Canadian citizens (and those who are in internship who are not students) please submit a [Student Aid Report \(SAR*\)](#) containing a calculation of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) obtainable from one's theological school upon completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms available on the web (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>) or from the U.S. Department of Education. ***Note that the SAR can take up to two weeks for processing. The final report MUST be received by the MCO or your financial aid application will not be considered.**
- 9) All forms and all supporting materials MUST be received by the Ministerial Credentialing Office, 24 Farnsworth St., Boston, MA 02210-1409 or sent to mco@uua.org no later than **5pm EST, Wednesday April 15th, 2020***. ****Email submission of material is preferred.***

(Please note the 5pm EST, Friday, March 22nd, 2019 deadline for the Rev. Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship, described below.)

Applicants for financial aid are automatically considered for most of the UUA's named scholarships. Please refer to the addendum for more information. Additional application materials are only required for the two scholarships described below.

The Olympia Brown and Max Kapp Award

This award is given to an aspirant or candidate who submits a paper, sermon, or other special project on some aspect of Universalism, and should honor our Universalist heritage and the St. Lawrence Foundation, the source of a significant portion of our scholarship funds. Eligibility for this award is as the same for financial aid.

Manuscripts should accompany the financial aid forms and be submitted to the Ministerial Credentialing Office by 5pm EST, Wednesday April 15th, 2020. The winning submission will be posted as a link on the website of the St. Lawrence Foundation.

Scholarship for Incoming First Year Seminararians Only

The Rev. Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1998 by Lorella and Todd Hess in honor of Lorella's father, the Rev. Charles Thomas, and his support of Unitarian Universalism and lay leadership. Rev. Thomas retired as the Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Lima, OH in 2014. The scholarship is awarded to a first-year student who has shown an outstanding commitment to Unitarian Universalism as a lay leader before preparing for ordained ministry.

To apply, please submit to the address below, two letters of recommendation, a resume, and a two or three page essay that describes your path to seminary in which you highlight your work as a lay leader in your congregation and larger community. If you are not a member of a UUA or CUC congregation, at least one recommendation letter must be from an official of your local ICUU member group.*

**Letters of recommendation should show a connection between the individual's ministry and their life goals along with examples of their strong leadership skills.*

Please submit to the UUA Ministerial Credentialing Office, Rev. Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston MA, 02210-1409.

All materials MUST be received by 5pm EST, Monday, March 23rd, 2020.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2020-2021

NOTE: Please TYPE your responses.

CONFIDENTIAL

Name _____ Phone _____

Address on May 24, 2019 _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Gender (Optional) _____ Date of Birth _____

Please describe your cultural, racial or ethnic background (Optional)

How long have you been a UU (Number of years)? _____

Prior religious faith, if any _____

Current UU Congregation _____

Theological School _____

Date entered _____ Expected date of graduation _____

Dates of Internship _____ Location _____

(Expected/Actual) Dates of CPE _____ Location _____

Are you an aspirant or candidate? _____

Based on IRS standards, are you legally responsible for other persons? If so, how many? ____

What are your plans for ministerial leadership following the granting of preliminary fellowship?

Please describe in depth any circumstances that will help the UUA Scholarship Committee better understand your financial situation.

ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES

Annual Income	Self	Other Persons	TOTAL
Primary job income (gross before taxes and other withholding)			
Other job income (gross)			
Social Security or other benefits			
Financial Aid: scholarships and grants (do not include anticipated UUA grants)			
Other gifts and grants			
Subsidized Federal Direct Loans			
Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans			
Other income (please attach explanation)			
TOTAL INCOME			

Annual Household Expenses	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Rent	
Tuition	
Other education expenses (books, fees, etc.)	
Electricity, gas, oil, water, other utilities	
Telephone, cable, internet	
Income and Social Security taxes	
Property and other taxes	
Food and household expenses	
Insurance premiums:	
Automobile	
Home	
Medical and dental	
Long term care	
Clothing and personal items	
Entertainment and vacation	
Medical expenses not covered by insurance:	
Hospitals, doctors, and other care providers	
Prescriptions	
Charitable contributions	
Gifts to family and friends	
Student loan and other debt payments	
Transportation	
Other expenses (please attach explanation)	
TOTAL EXPENSES	

ANNUAL SURPLUS OR DEFICIT	4
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NET WORTH

ASSETS

Checking, savings, money market accounts	
Stocks, bonds, other investments	
Pension (current total value)	
IRA, 401k, or other retirement funds (current total value)	
Primary residence (current total value)	
Other real estate	
Automobile	
Other assets (please attach explanation)	
TOTAL ASSETS	

LIABILITIES

Student loan debt	
Mortgage loan debt	
Automobile loan debt	
Other loan debt	
Taxes due	
Medical bills due	
Other liabilities (please attach explanation)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	

NET WORTH (assets minus liabilities)	
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FINANCIAL AID OFFICER APPLICATION 2020-2021
To be completed by Financial Aid Officer

Applicant Name _____

Financial Aid Officer Name _____

I recommend the student named above for a financial aid grant from the Unitarian Universalist Association.

I affirm the following regarding this student:

Student's statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

This student is (will be) enrolled full--time in the upcoming academic year.

The student is (will be) enrolled part--time and is taking the equivalent of at least four courses for credit in the upcoming academic year.

The student is maintaining an academic program leading to graduation in _____ (MM/YY)

The student is in good academic standing at this time.

Please estimate the tuition costs for this student for the upcoming academic year, and add any additional comments regarding the student's financial circumstances that you feel the UUA Scholarship Committee should take into consideration.

Signature _____ (not required if emailed directly to mco@uua.org)

Address _____

Please return this form no later than 5pm EST, Wednesday April 15th, 2020 to:

Ministerial Credentialing Office
Unitarian Universalist Association
24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210-1409
mco@uua.org

(Emailed submissions are preferred)

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FINANCIAL AID GRANTS
RECOMMENDATION LETTER: Faculty Advisor or Faculty Member**

Applicant Name _____

Advisor Name _____

The person named above is applying for a financial aid grant from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Please describe the applicant's academic progress, interests, abilities and overall ministerial promise. Please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known this applicant and comment on any qualities or circumstances you might consider relevant to our decision-making process. Please type your response. Thank you!

Signature _____(not required if emailed directly to mco@uua.org)

Address _____

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**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FINANCIAL AID GRANTS
RECOMMENDATION LETTER: Unitarian Universalist Minister**

Applicant Name _____

Minister Name _____

The person named above is applying for a financial aid grant from the Unitarian Universalist Association. Please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant, and comment on any qualities or circumstances you might consider relevant to our decision-making process. The UUA Scholarship Committee is looking for evidence of strong ministerial promise. Please type your response. Thank you!

Signature _____ (not required if emailed directly to mco@uua.org)

Address _____

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Martha and Robert Atherton Ministerial Scholarship

Established in 1997, this scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to promising ministerial students in their 2nd or 3rd year of seminary who have already proven their capabilities. This scholarship is awarded to individuals who respect hard work as a foundation of a full life and appreciate the freedom, political system, and philosophical underpinnings of our country. Dedicated Unitarian Universalists Martha and Robert Atherton have established this scholarship through their generous contributions.

The David Eaton Scholarship

Maurine Mulliner, a long--time member of All Soul's Church in Washington DC, made an estate gift to affirm Rev. David Eaton's vision of a community dedicated to strengthening hope, justice and balance, and creating an anti-racist, multi--cultural religious organization and country. This scholarship is awarded to women from a historically marginalized group who share the same vision as Rev. David Eaton.

Lucille K. and Jerome P. Gallon Scholarship Fund

The Lucille K. and Jerome P. Gallon Scholarship fund was created to support promising candidates for Unitarian Universalist ministry. This scholarship is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated strong preaching skills during their path to ministry.

The Ingeborg Haseltine Scholarship Fund

Ingeborg Haseltine made a gift from her estate to establish a permanent scholarship and aid fund to support the education of women pursuing a career in the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

Interfaith Spirituality Scholarship

This scholarship was established by a generous anonymous donor. The purpose is to support candidates who have demonstrated an interest in and are prepared to integrate interfaith understanding into their ministry, and have a commitment to guiding others on their own spiritual paths.

The Susan M. Jackson Ministerial Scholars Fund

Susan M. Jackson's children established this fund on Ms. Jackson's 85th birthday to honor her commitment and dedication to Unitarian Universalism. This scholarship is awarded to recipients who share with the wider world their enthusiasm about UU ideas and conclusions, drawn from their faith, which influence their lives.

The David Pohl Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Unitarian Universalist Association upon Rev. David Pohl's retirement as UUA Director of Ministry in 1993. It supports the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of individuals studying for UU ministry.

The Roy H. Pollack Scholarship

The Roy H. Pollack Scholarship was created in 1998 to support second-- or third--year students who have strong academic records and are promising candidates for the UU ministry.

The Rhys Williams Ministerial Scholarship

This scholarship honors the legacy of the Rev. Rhys Williams and supports candidates seeking fellowship as a Unitarian Universalist parish minister.

The Von Ogden Vogt Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2001 by Walter and Carolyn Vogt to honor Walter's father, the Rev. Dr. Von Ogden Vogt and his dedication and commitment to Unitarian Universalism. Scholarships are given to support the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of future Unitarian Universalist ministers who are attending Meadville Lombard Theological School.

The John A. Buehrens Ministerial Scholarship

The Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association from 1993--2001, has made enormous contributions to the life of this institution and to the Unitarian Universalist movement as a whole. To recognize and honor his work, the UUA has established a permanent fund to support the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of future Unitarian Universalist ministers studying at the Starr King School for the Ministry. One scholarship is for an incoming first year student, and the other is for a student, in candidate status, entering their second or third year of study. Starr King School for the Ministry selects the incoming first year student. The UUA selects the second or third year student.

The President William G. Sinkford Scholarship

The Unitarian Universalist Association established the President William G. Sinkford Fund in 2008, during the last year of Rev. Sinkford's UUA Presidency. Rev. Sinkford left the Association with many profound and lasting gifts including the innovative Diversity of Ministry Initiative and support for lay theological education and ministerial development programs. To honor his legacy in the years to come, the Sinkford Fund will further Rev. Sinkford's visions by providing scholarships for promising and passionate students preparing for Unitarian Universalist ministry. Scholarships are designed for those in candidate status who identify as people of color, Latinx, Hispanic, and/or multiracial.

Finally, to contribute to efforts to make more UUA Scholarship Funds available for promising UU seminarians, please contact Cheri Taylor at ctaylor@uua.org in Stewardship and Development at (617) 948-6510.