

**OMS Holiness Church of North America
Education and Publication Committee
Guidelines for Educational Encouragement**

Definition

“Educational encouragement” is the investment of time and financial support to qualifying individuals who are pursuing a formal education or training toward a degree or a certificate to pursue a life dedicated to the work of our Lord.

Purpose

It is the desire of the OMS Holiness Church of North America to partner with its churches to nurture and encourage all people with an established affiliation with our conference who desire to pursue educational and or training to dedicate their lives to the Lord by working to reach the unsaved and to help believers toward maturity. The purpose of the “educational encouragement” program is to assist individuals by offering mentorship and financial assistance.

Qualification

Any person with an established affiliation of at least two years with our conference or conference church, who serves in our conference or at a conference local church and who has distinguished him/herself to pursue a life dedicated to serving the Lord. Validation of the qualification may be attested by a minister or other mature Christian with personal knowledge of the applicant.

Nature of the Assistance

The church, which is sponsoring the applicant, should appoint a mature Christian to act as a mentor while the applicant pursues his/her education or training. The sponsoring church must commit to the applicant by identifying a mentor and by committing to provide financial support to the applicant’s educational pursuit. The conference’s financial support will be based on availability of funds and will not exceed the amount of commitment made by the sponsoring church.

Procedure for Application

- Applicant must submit a written request describing the nature of the study or training to be pursued. A statement of qualification and the amount requested should also be included. A letter of reference from the spiritual mentor must accompany the application.
- Applicant must first submit the application to the local church. Upon local church's approval, a statement from the local church indicating the amount of its financial support must also be attached.
- Applicant must submit the entire application to the Executive Council, through the Education and Publication Committee, for final approval.

Applicant and the local church will be notified in writing of the final action of the Executive Council.

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C. Scholarship Guidelines

1. Seminary Students

- a. The Conference scholarship will be funded annually. Individual scholarship grants will be \$200 per month (1991). (Executive Council February 2006)
- b. Applications must be submitted to the applicant's local pastor who shall forward the application with a letter of recommendation to the Regional Ministers Body. (Executive Council January 2002). The application must include the student's name, address, phone, church, school, program, start date, and expected completion date. (Executive Council February 2005).

c. Qualifications. The applicant must be:

- 1). a member of a local church of the Conference for at least two years;
- 2). accepted by a Conference approved seminary;
- 3). a full-time student with a workload of at least 9 units per semester or quarter.

d. Upon the completion of the selection process, the Regional Ministers Body will forward its recommendation to the Education and Publications Committee and Finance Committee. The scholarship will start the month of application approval by the Executive Council and the disbursements will be included in the Conference annual budget. (Executive Council February 2005).

e. The status of each scholarship grantee will be reviewed annually by the selecting Regional Ministers Body.

f. The scholarship will terminate after four years or graduation from the seminary, whichever comes first.

2. Educational Encouragement Scholarships (Executive Council February 2005) –

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a. The Education Encouragement scholarship will be funded annually. Individual scholarship grants will be \$100 per month.

b. Applicants must submit an Encouragement Education Scholarship application and a written request describing the nature of the study or training to be pursued. A letter

of reference from the spiritual mentor must accompany the application. The application must include the student's name, address, phone, home church, school, program, start date, and expected completion date.

- 1). Applicant must first submit the application to the local church for approval.
 - 2). Applicant must submit the entire application to the Education and Publication Committee, Finance Committee, and Executive Council for final approval.
 - 3). Applicant and the local church will be notified in writing of the final action of the Executive Council. The scholarship will start the month of Executive Council approval.
 - 4) The scholarship will terminate after completion of certificate, four years, or graduation, whichever comes first.
- c. Qualification. Any person with an established affiliation of at least two years with our conference or conference church, **who serves in our conference or a conference local church** and who has distinguished him/herself to pursue a life dedicated to serving the Lord. Validation of the qualification and the intent may be attested by a minister or other mature Christian with personal knowledge of the applicant. (Executive Council February 2008).
- d. The status of each scholarship grantee will be reviewed annually by the home church sending the student.

Route:
Applicant _____
Local Church _____
EC _____
Finance/E&P _____

**O.M.S. HOLINESS CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA
EDUCATIONAL ENCOURAGEMENT APPLICATION FORM**

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Permanent Address (if different): _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-Mail (if available): _____

Educational Institution: _____

Intended Degree: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

Major: _____

Current Church: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Pastor: _____

Permanent Church (if different): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Pastor: _____

Describe the nature of your study: