

# SERVING & INVITING OTHERS INTO MISSION

## Grant & Scholarship Application

Grant application open process open February 1-April 10, 2023

Board of Missions, East Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church

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**Scholarships for Individuals:** We are seeking individuals to serve the call of Jesus to serve others. Scholarships are available to people who will join/initiate a service mission and then share their experience, serving as a catalyst to inspire others to engage in missions. We fund scholarships to individuals up to \$2,500.

Successful applications will be those which:

- Best advance the Four Focus Areas of the General Church (see below);
- Best inspire others to join in mission service, particularly young and/or diverse people;
- Best demonstrate collaborations between organizations, churches, and individuals by producing matching funds to the EOC Serving & Inviting Others Program.

**Grants for Mission Programs:** We are seeking ways to support new and emerging local, national, and international mission programs to expand and deepen their reach in the world. Grants are available for missions projects, who will then share their mission stories to churches and related organizations, serving as a catalyst for new partnerships. Grants to be considered will need to have other partners planned/secured or the mission must be willing to learn how to create collaborations/partners with other funders. We don't expect to fund 100% of any mission project. We will fund grants \$2,000-\$10,000.

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### Four Areas of Focus of the General Church

1. Overcoming Poverty Together
2. Seeking Health and Wholeness for All
3. Leading where God calls
4. Making New Disciples in New Places

<https://www.umc.org/en/content/four-areas-of-focus-overview>

Please complete the application on page 2.

The Board of Missions will review each application. You will be notified after the meeting if your application was approved or denied.

# 2023 EOCUMC MISSIONS GRANT/SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Organization or Individual applying \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Affiliation (name and city. If none, write none) or EOC District (for missions' organizations):

\_\_\_\_\_

If you are not affiliated with an EOCUMC church, who/what is your connection to the UMC?

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Applying for a:  mission or ministry project  mission journey scholarship

Project Name/Trip destination: \_\_\_\_\_

Website or Social Media page: \_\_\_\_\_

Other churches, organizations, foundations, and/or individuals partnering with you:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why is this a need that existing partners can't meet?

\_\_\_\_\_

Total estimated cost of the project or trip: \_\_\_\_\_ (if you have a budget indicating other sources of funding, please include it with this application).

Amount Needed After Other Funding Secured: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach the following:**

- 1) A written description of the project or trip, keep it succinct and not voluminous but address these questions:
  - Project results to date or reasons why you think it will succeed;
  - The benefit to the organization/mission journey site;
  - Why the project is being pursued;
  - Number of persons served over what length of time;
  - How the grant recipient will tell the story of their mission to invite others to engage in missions.
  
- 2) A brief letter of recommendation from the youth leader, pastor, or District Superintendent (email is acceptable). If you need help making contact with one of the above, contact Kathy Dickriede [kdickriede@eocumc.com](mailto:kdickriede@eocumc.com)

Return this application and supporting materials to Melanie Thomas **by April 10, 2023:**

EOCUMC Attn Melanie Thomas

8800 Cleveland Ave NW

North Canton, OH 44720

OR

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