



Undergraduate Collegiate Ministry Grant Application **for funding year 2025**

The East Ohio Conference supports and awards grants to undergraduate campus ministries to empower them “to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.” (§120 Book of Discipline 2016)

The Conference Board of Higher Education and Collegiate Christian Ministry exists to fulfill the functions and responsibilities outlined in the 2016 Book of Discipline, ¶634. “The functions include the evaluation of schools, colleges, universities and campus ministries related to the Annual Conference, with concern for the quality of their performance, the integrity of their mission, and their response to their missional goals of the general church and Annual Conference.”

The vision of the East Ohio Conference is to equip and support local churches to grow in their capacity to bear fruit that lasts by:

- Being disciples, making disciples, and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ
- Being God’s agents of transformation in our communities and throughout the world
- Being bold and courageous leaders in reaching new, younger and more diverse people

We would welcome your application should you believe; your collegiate ministry would benefit from one of the EOC grants to enable you to reach students and help disciple them for Jesus Christ.

Applications must be received electronically by January 31, 2024

Undergraduate Collegiate Ministry Grant Criteria

All undergraduate collegiate ministry grant applicants are required to:

- Provide a clearly articulated, bold, strategic plan to reach **AND** disciple undergraduate students.
- Utilize the grant funds for undergraduate collegiate ministry efforts such as programs, resources, events, staffing, etc. Collegiate ministry grant funds may not be used to underwrite alternative mission trips/experiences, general church staffing or church wide programs/events that are not specifically targeted to reach and disciple undergraduate college students.
- Be in formal partnership/connection with at least one United Methodist Church which underwrites an amount of at least 10% of the collegiate ministry expenses in cash or in-kind contribution.
- Provide a clearly articulated, detailed strategic plan for diversifying funding sources to grow, maintain, and steward the collegiate ministry financials.
- Submit regularly scheduled “Benchmark Reports” to document fruitfulness of the collegiate ministry’s bold, strategic plan throughout 2025.
- Attend an East Ohio BHECCM-sponsored collegiate ministry training, to be held during the Spring of the grant year. Campus Minister/Chaplain, and members of the board (or members of the administrative/oversight committee within the university structure, if a chaplaincy) will be required to attend. Student leaders and pastors/lay leaders of partner congregations will also be encouraged to attend.

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Sponsoring Organization/Partnerships

Please list all formal partnerships/connection with sponsoring churches or organizations.

Name of East Ohio United Methodist Church

Address

City

State

Zip

Name of Pastor

District

Name of Church

Address

City

State

Zip

Name of Pastor

District

Name of Sponsoring Organization

Address

City

State

Zip

Contact

Phone

Email

Higher Education Information

List all schools, colleges, universities that your Collegiate Ministry serves.

Name of Higher Education Organization

Address

City

State

Zip

Contact

Phone

Email

Name of Higher Education Organization

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- 3. Evidence of discipleship:** The mission of The United Methodist Church is to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. East Ohio Conference believes the marks of fruitful discipleship can be measured through:

- Engaging in ministry with the poor
- Improving local and global health
- Developing principled Christian leaders
- Creating new and renewed congregations and faith communities

Describe how you have seen this happen through your collegiate ministry during the last school year, including your successes as well as disappointments.

4. Bold, strategic collegiate ministry growth plans for 2025

The East Ohio Conference process of vitality includes integrating the Five Fruitful Practices of radical hospitality, passionate worship, faith-forming relationships, risk-taking service and extravagant generosity into your collegiate ministry. The Five Fruitful Practices are recommended in order to connect and move students toward a deeper relationship with Christ.

Please outline and describe your strategic plans to reach, disciple, and multiply your collegiate ministry, including how they incorporate these Five Practices. Consider the following questions around the Five Fruitful Practices. Clearly articulate the answers to these questions within your bold, strategic collegiate ministry growth plan.

- Radical Hospitality (Reaching out and receiving)
 - By what specific processes/strategies do you/will you attract and connect with undergraduate students, especially new ones?
 - How many new students have connected to your collegiate ministry through this current academic calendar year (September-June)? How many of these new students, that received initial contact with your collegiate ministry, attend at least one monthly event officially sponsored through your ministry?
 - In what way do you incorporate diversity into your ministry? Describe any diversity that exists in your current collegiate ministry. What plan do you have for becoming increasingly representative in size and diversity of the campus you serve?
- Passionate Worship (Relating people to God)
 - Describe the worship services and/or experiences offered to undergraduate students.
 - Describe in detail how your collegiate ministry is providing opportunities for undergraduate students to experience God through passionate worship on their campus (es).
 - How many students attend worship? Include your attendance numbers through this current academic calendar year (September-June)?
 - What role does passionate worship play in your ministry growth strategy?
- Faith Forming Relationships and Education (Nurturing for discipleship)
 - Describe the intentional discipleship process you have in place to encourage students into developing their faith and spiritual maturity.



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- How many students are involved on a weekly basis in a class, Bible study or ongoing small group through this current academic calendar year (September-June).
- Provide a list of all ongoing faith forming opportunities that your collegiate ministry offers and include number of attendees, leader's name, and frequency of meeting.
- How many students identify themselves as United Methodists?
- What is your process to identify, train and deploy student leaders?
- How many students within your collegiate ministry have been identified, trained and deployed as leaders who are now leading/discipline other collegiate ministry students?
- How are you intentionally forming relationships with your sponsoring organizations or partnerships? Specifically name who you have partnered with over the current academic year (September-June). What is in the pipeline for future partnerships?
- Risk Taking Service and Mission (Sending out to witness and to serve)
 - Where has God called your collegiate ministry to serve in new opportunities? How many students have been involved? What is your strategic plan to continue to grow the number of students involved in serving?
 - Explain, with examples, how your ministry leads (or will lead) to deep risks of faith.
 - Provide a list of the serving/mission opportunities offered through your collegiate ministry during this current academic year (September-June), number of students involved in each and the leader's name.
 - By what process are you providing students an ongoing opportunity to explore and discern vocation and call, including focused reflection on the call to full-time Christian service?
- Extravagant Generosity (Sharing, sacrificing and giving to God and neighbor)
 - How are your students and ministry practicing extravagant generosity?
 - What process or learning opportunity do you have in place (or are specifically planning to put in place) for students to grow in their understanding of financial stewardship/ responsibility?
 - What is your collegiate ministry's plan to become financially sustainable? Explain your plans to develop and increase broad-based funding sources beyond conference funding sources.

5. Updated financial information. Please include a copy of the following documents:

For Campus Ministries:

- 2023 Financial Reports
- 2024 Proposed budget and year to date actuals (including all expected sources of revenue and amounts) for your collegiate ministry (Include 2023 church budget if applicable)
- Request for East Ohio collegiate ministry funding for 2025 including:
 - an itemized list with specific explanation(s) of how the award funds will be utilized
 - the percentage of your budget that comes from the local East Ohio Conference United Methodist Church/sponsoring organizations



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- the apportionment giving records for the last three years (**the local church is expected to pay 100% apportionments, during grant application year and grant recipient year, if your collegiate ministry receives a grant**)
- A copy of internal financial controls

For Chaplaincies:

- 2025 Chaplaincy budget and 2023 budget report.
- 2024 Proposed budget for Chaplaincy
- Request for East Ohio collegiate ministry funding for 2025, including:
 - An itemized list with specific explanation(s) of how the award funds will be utilized.
 - If any portion of your budget comes from a local East Ohio Conference United Methodist Church: the percentage of your budget that comes from the local East Ohio Conference United Methodist Church/sponsoring organizations ○ the apportionment giving records for the last three years (**the local church is expected to pay 100% apportionments, during grant application year and grant recipient year, if your collegiate ministry receives a grant**)

6. 2023 Collegiate Ministry Outcomes Report: If you received a Collegiate Ministry Grant for 2023, please include a brief narrative “outcomes report” that describes specifically how funds have and are being utilized. **If you have additional questions, please contact:**

Rev. Christy Suffecool, East Ohio Conference Co-Director of Young People's Ministries

by email: csuffecool@eocumc.com or by phone: 330-499-3972 ext. 116

or

Rev. Dr. Tim Morrison, Board of Higher Education and Collegiate Christian Ministries Chair

by email: morristj@mountunion.edu

Review and Approval Process:

The Board of Higher Education and Christian Collegiate Ministries reviews all applications for potential ministry funding during the first quarter of each year. Applications that are approved by the Board for ministry funding will be recommended for final approval at the Annual Conference preceding the beginning of the month of January for the next year. Confirmation letters of ministries receiving final approval will be mailed after Annual Conference in advance of the month of January for the next year at which time disbursements for funding will occur.

Note: Grant approval in any given year does not guarantee approval for additional funding in subsequent years. Undergraduate collegiate ministry grant awards are not designed to be sustaining sources of funding. Monies are intended to implement or increase capacity for intentional discipleship. Church in formal partnership with the collegiate ministry is expected to pay 100% apportionments during grant application year and grant recipient year. Churches that have gone on record as withholding apportionments in protest will be automatically disqualified for consideration.

Your grant application must be electronically received by January 31, 2024

Please do not send more than 15 pages including the pages of this application.

Grant applications are to be emailed to: connectionalministries@eocumc.com