

NOTE: FTE uses **one** application for its Ministry Program Fellowships. Each fellowship application contains some components unique to that particular program. The application guidelines for the individual fellowship programs are described below. **Please read all instructions carefully to ensure that you provide the necessary materials for the fellowship program to which you are applying.**

When making photo copies of your application, copy only the pages that pertain to the fellowship for which you are applying. **Do not photocopy the application guidelines.**

ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIPS

- ❖ **FTE Undergraduate Fellowship** applicants must be nominated by a college faculty member, administrator, chaplain or campus minister, or current pastor. Nomination forms are due by **February 1, 2010**; Undergraduate Fellowship applications are due by **March 15, 2010**.
- ❖ **FTE Congregational Fellowship** applicants must be nominated by their home congregations. Through the fellowship, FTE offers a one-to-one match for a congregation's contribution toward the student's tuition and living expenses. A congregation's contribution must be between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to qualify for the match. Applications are due by **April 1, 2010**.
- ❖ **FTE VEV Fellowship** applicants must be serving or have recently served in church-related volunteer organizations partnering with FTE in the Volunteers Exploring Vocation program. Applications are due by **April 1, 2010**.
- ❖ **FTE Ministry Fellowship** applicants must be nominated by the dean or president of their seminary. The letter of nomination should be placed in a sealed and signed envelope accompanying the application form. Applications are due by **March 1, 2010**.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The application should be submitted in **one package** containing the original typed application form and all supporting documents in the order listed below:

- Five **collated** photocopies **plus originals** (six copies total) of the application form, resume, and essay should be included. FTE will make photocopies of letters of reference and transcripts.
- Do not staple** any of the pages or supporting documents.
- Faxed materials are strongly discouraged.
- Each applicant is responsible for ensuring completion of the application (including securing letters of reference and transcripts), inclusion of copies, and receipt **prior** to the deadline.
- If printing an application from an electronic version, please take care not to change the format. Electronic versions of the application may be typed, or they may be completed using Adobe Acrobat Reader software. When using Acrobat Reader to complete the forms, please print and sign the forms and mail the completed application package to the address on the following page.
- Materials should **not** be sent via e-mail.
- Documents received after the following dates **will not** be considered:
 - March 1, 2010 for the Ministry Fellowship
 - March 15, 2010 for the Undergraduate Fellowship
 - April 1, 2010 for the Congregational Fellowship and VEV Fellowship

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A COMPLETED APPLICATION INCLUDES:

- ❖ Application form
- ❖ Resume
- ❖ Three-page essay
- ❖ Academic Letter of Reference (*Undergraduate, Congregational, VEV and Ministry Fellowship applicants*)
- ❖ Ministry Letter of Reference (*Undergraduate, Congregational and Ministry Fellowship applicants*)
- ❖ Letter of Recommendation from VEV Supervisor (*VEV applicants only*)
- ❖ Statement of Intent to Enter Ministry (*Congregational and VEV Fellowship applicants*)
- ❖ Endorsement by seminary or divinity school (*Congregational and VEV Fellowship applicants*)
- ❖ Nomination and Financial Commitment by Congregation (*Congregational Fellowship applicants only*)
- ❖ Information on Formal Candidacy Process (*Ministry Fellowship applicants only*)
- ❖ Letter of nomination from seminary dean or president (*Ministry Fellowship applicants only*)

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Undergraduate Fellowship Nomination	February 1, 2010
Undergraduate Fellowship	March 15, 2010
Congregational Fellowship	April 1, 2010
VEV Fellowship	April 1, 2010
Ministry Fellowship	March 1, 2010

AGE

Undergraduate Fellowship nominees and applicants must be no older than 29 years of age on September 1, 2010.

Congregational, VEV and Ministry Fellowship nominees and applicants must be no older than 35 years of age on September 1, 2010.

CITIZENSHIP

Nominees and applicants must be citizens of either the United States or Canada.

ACADEMIC STATUS

Undergraduate Fellowship

Each nominee must be a junior or senior during the 2010–2011 fellowship year in a program leading toward a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Copies of official transcripts from all institutions attended must be submitted in envelopes signed and sealed by the college or university registrar. Student copies of transcripts or grade reports are not acceptable. Nominees must be enrolled **full-time** during the fellowship year. Juniors who will be graduating in December of 2010 may be eligible to apply; please see page 6.

Congregational and VEV Fellowships

A candidate must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, have earned a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA for undergraduate work, and be preparing to enter a full-time Master of Divinity program at an A.T.S.-accredited seminary. Copies of official transcripts from all institutions attended must be submitted in envelopes signed and sealed by the college or university registrar. Student copies of transcripts or grade reports are not acceptable.

Ministry Fellowship

Each nominee must hold a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, have a minimum undergraduate grade point average of 3.0, be in the first year of a full-time Master of Divinity program at an A.T.S.-accredited seminary, and have a seminary grade point average of 3.3 or higher at the end of the first academic term. Copies of official transcripts from all institutions attended must be submitted in envelopes signed and sealed by the registrar. Student copies of transcripts or grade reports are not acceptable.

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RESUME

Undergraduate Fellowship

A professional resume is required. Applicants should highlight church leadership and involvement during high school and college, leadership and involvement in activities outside the church during college, cross-cultural study or experiences (national and/or international), academic or other honors and distinctive experiences, skills or interests.

Congregational, VEV and Ministry Fellowships

A professional resume is required. Applicants should highlight church leadership and involvement during college and beyond, leadership and involvement in activities outside the church, cross-cultural study or experiences (national and/or international), academic or other honors and distinctive experiences, skills or interests.

PERSONAL ESSAY

Undergraduate Fellowship

Each applicant must write an essay, double-spaced and no longer than three pages, in which the applicant discusses the ways in which her or his core Christian commitments shape her or his engagement with the world, the community of faith, and the exploration of vocation. This essay should be neither simply an autobiography nor a set of doctrinal statements; it should be a reflection involving both heart and mind.

Congregational Fellowship

Each applicant must write an essay, double-spaced and no longer than three pages, in which the applicant discusses her or his understanding of what God is calling the church to be and do in this time and place, and how her or his own gifts, struggles and commitments offer a response to that call as a future leader of a congregation. This essay should be neither simply an autobiography nor a set of doctrinal statements; it should be a reflection involving both heart and mind.

VEV Fellowship

Each applicant must write an essay, double-spaced and no longer than three pages, in which the applicant discusses her or his understanding of what God is calling the church to be and do in this time and place and how his or her own gifts, struggles and commitments offer a response to that call. This essay should be neither simply an autobiography nor a set of doctrinal statements; it should be a reflection involving both heart and mind.

Ministry Fellowship

Each applicant must write an essay, double-spaced and no longer than three pages, in which the applicant discusses her or his understanding of what God is calling the church to be and do in this time and place, the role of pastoral leaders in that call, and how her or his own gifts, struggles and commitments offer a response to that call. This essay should be neither simply an autobiography nor a set of doctrinal statements; it should be a reflection involving both heart and mind.

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO ENTER SEMINARY (*Congregational and VEV Fellowships only*)

Each applicant must sign and submit the Statement of Intent to Enter Ministry.

ENDORSEMENT BY SEMINARY OR DIVINITY SCHOOL (*Congregational and VEV Fellowships only*)

Applicants must submit an endorsement from the school in which they intend to enroll. Applicants should contact the admissions office for assistance in securing the endorsement from the academic dean, admissions officer or other appropriate seminary administrator. If the applicant has not been accepted to the seminary before the April 1 deadline, an endorsement should still be completed and submitted contingent upon acceptance. Endorsements should be sent as part of the application packet; however, the institution may send the endorsement directly to FTE if they prefer. The endorsement must be received by April 1 regardless of whether the student has been admitted by this date or not. **Applicants bear the responsibility to ensure receipt by April 1.**

INFORMATION ON FORMAL CANDIDACY PROCESS (*Ministry Fellowships only*)

Each applicant must sign and submit the Information on Formal Candidacy Process.

***LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Undergraduate Fellowship

Two letters of reference are required. The Academic Letter of Reference should assess the applicant's academic capabilities and should be written by a professor within the applicant's major or minor discipline, if possible. The Ministry Letter of Reference should be written by a person who has observed the applicant in a ministry setting and should assess the applicant's gifts and aptitudes for ministry. In both cases, letters should avoid simply restating information provided in the resume, transcript or essay and should provide unique insight into the applicant's particular capacities. Either letter of reference may be submitted by the person nominating the student. References should know the applicant well; however, letters from relatives or family members are not acceptable. Each letter should be enclosed in a sealed and signed envelope and included in the application packet.

Congregational Fellowship

Two letters of reference are required. The Academic Letter of Reference should be written by a professor who can assess the applicant's academic capabilities. The Ministry Letter of Reference should be written by a person who has observed the applicant in a church setting and should assess the applicant's gifts and aptitudes for ministry. In both cases, letters should avoid simply restating information provided in the resume, transcript or essay and should provide unique insight into the applicant's particular capacities. References should know the applicant well; however, letters from relatives or family members are not acceptable. Each letter should be enclosed in a sealed and signed envelope and included in the application packet.

VEV Fellowship

Two letters of reference are required. The Academic Letter of Reference should be written by a professor who can assess the applicant's academic capabilities. In addition, each applicant must secure a letter of recommendation from the supervisor of the Volunteers Exploring Vocation program in which she or he is currently participating or has participated. By "Supervisor" we mean a program leader within the volunteer organization who has worked closely with the applicant during the year of service, and who best can speak to the applicant's gifts and capacities for ministry. In both cases, letters should avoid simply restating information provided in the resume, transcript or essay and should provide unique insight into the applicant's particular capacities. References should know the applicant well; however, letters from relatives or family members are not acceptable. Each letter should be enclosed in a sealed and signed envelope and included in the application packet.

Ministry Fellowship

Two letters of reference are required in addition to the letter of nomination from the seminary dean or president. The Academic Letter of Reference should be written by a seminary professor who can assess the applicant's academic capabilities. The Ministry Letter of Reference should be written by a person who has observed the applicant in a ministry setting and should assess the applicant's gifts and aptitudes for ministry. In both cases, letters should avoid simply restating information provided in the resume, transcript or essay and should provide unique insight into the applicant's particular capacities. References should know the applicant well; however, letters from relatives or family members are not acceptable. Each letter should be enclosed in a sealed and signed envelope and included in the application packet.

***Information on securing helpful letters of reference may be found at www.thefund.org.**

NOMINATION AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT BY CONGREGATION

(Congregational Fellowships only)

The nomination must include a profile describing the congregation's commitment to nurturing Christian vocation and the practices that embody the commitment as well as a statement of the congregation's financial commitment to the fellowship. The profile should be no longer than two pages. The financial commitment must be signed by the chief administrative officer of the congregation.

TERMS OF THE FTE MINISTRY PROGRAMS FELLOWSHIPS

UNDERGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

2010–2011 Stipend: Undergraduate Fellows will receive a one-year stipend of \$2,000 to use for educational expenses or exploration of ministry as a vocation.

2010 Ministry Conference Benefit: Fellows are **required** to attend the FTE Conference on Excellence in Ministry to be held **June 16–20, 2010**. Prominent theologians, scholars, ministers and church leaders will participate in the leadership of the conference. Transportation, lodging, food and fees will be provided for Undergraduate Fellows. **Students unable to attend the conference should not apply for the fellowship.**

CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

2010–2011 Stipend: Congregational Fellows will receive a one-year stipend for tuition and living expenses of \$1,000–\$5,000 to match their congregation's financial commitment.

2010 Ministry Conference Benefit: Fellows are **required** to attend the FTE Conference on Excellence in Ministry to be held **June 16–20, 2010**. Prominent theologians, scholars, ministers and church leaders will participate in the leadership of the conference. Transportation, lodging, food and fees will be provided for Congregational Fellows. **Students unable to attend the conference should not apply for the fellowship.**

VEV FELLOWSHIP

2010–2011 Stipend: VEV Fellows will receive a one-year stipend of \$ 2,500 for tuition and living expenses.

2010 Ministry Conference Benefit: Fellows are **required** to attend the FTE Conference on Excellence in Ministry to be held **June 16–20, 2010**. Prominent theologians, scholars, ministers and church leaders will participate in the leadership of the conference. Transportation, lodging, food and fees will be provided for VEV Fellows.

Students unable to attend the conference, with the exception of current volunteers serving overseas, should not apply for the fellowship.

MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP

2010–2011 Stipend: Ministry Fellows will receive a one-time \$10,000 stipend partly for educational expenses and partly to fund the implementation of a ministry project of the Fellow's own design. This project should enrich the Fellow's preparation for ministry. Fellows will submit proposals for projects during the spring of 2011 and will work with FTE staff, seminary faculty, financial consultants and others to fully develop the project. Fellows are **required to attend a second gathering** at the end of Summer 2011 to reflect on their completed projects. Further information will be provided at the conference.

2010 Congregational Leadership Intensive: Fellows are **required** to attend the FTE Congregational Leadership Intensive to be held **May 24–27, 2010**. Transportation, lodging, food and fees will be provided for Ministry Fellows. **Students unable to attend this leadership event should not apply for the fellowship.**

CONDITIONS FOR FELLOWSHIPS

Undergraduate Fellowship

Award of the FTE Undergraduate Fellowship is contingent upon receipt of the applicant's nomination form from a college faculty member, administrator, chaplain or campus minister, or current pastor by February 1. Current college juniors who will be graduated in December 2010 may be eligible to apply for the fellowship. Please contact the Reverend Ellen Echols Purdum, Director of Ministry Fellowships, at epurdum@thefund.org if you will be graduating early.

Congregational Fellowships

Award of the FTE Congregational Fellowship is contingent on the applicant's acceptance into an institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the applicant's full-time enrollment in one year of study (two semesters or the equivalent) toward the Master of Divinity degree. Students already enrolled in an M.Div. degree program at the time of the nomination or seeking the M.T.S., M.A. or Th.M. degree are not eligible.

*Eligible M.Div. students may apply for **either** the Congregational Fellowship **or** the VEV Fellowship; they may not apply for both.

VEV Fellowship

Award of the FTE VEV Fellowship is contingent on the applicant's acceptance into an institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the applicant's full-time enrollment in one year of study (two semesters or the equivalent) toward the Master of Divinity degree. Students enrolled in an M.Div. degree program at the time of application or seeking the M.T.S., M.A. or Th.M. degree are not eligible.

*Eligible M.Div. students may apply for **either** the Congregational Fellowship **or** the VEV Fellowship; they may not apply for both.

Ministry Fellowship

Award of the FTE Ministry Fellowship is contingent on the applicant's nomination by the dean or president of a seminary or divinity school accredited by the Association of Theological Schools and the nominee's successful completion of one full academic term in the Master of Divinity program. First year FTE Congregational and VEV Fellows are eligible for the Ministry Fellowship; however, students currently enrolled in an M.T.S., M.A. or Th.M. program are not eligible for this fellowship.

Notification Date

FTE will mail notification of fellowship awards by:

Undergraduate Fellowship: April 30, 2010
Congregational Fellowship: May 17, 2010
VEV Fellowship: May 17, 2010
Ministry Fellowship: April 20, 2010

Please send all materials to:
Ministry Program Fellowships
The Fund for Theological Education
825 Houston Mill Road, Suite 100
Atlanta, GA 30329
404-727-1450 tel

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I AM APPLYING FOR THE

- Undergraduate Fellowship Congregational Fellowship VEV Fellowship Ministry Fellowship

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name _____ Male Female
LAST FIRST MIDDLE

Name you go by _____

Current mailing address (effective until _____ / _____ / _____) _____ School residence
MONTH DAY YEAR

_____ Other:

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail address _____

Telephone _____ Home Cell

Permanent mailing address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Home Cell

Specify address for notification of award status: _____ Current mailing address
(NOTE AWARD DATES ON PAGE 6)

_____ Permanent address

Date of birth _____ / _____ / _____ Country of citizenship United States Canada
MONTH DAY YEAR

Place you designate as home town (*for media purposes*) _____
CITY STATE

Marital status _____ Number of children _____

Race/ethnicity

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> African American, Black | <input type="checkbox"/> Mexican American, Chicano |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian American, Asian | <input type="checkbox"/> Native American, Alaska Native (list tribal affiliation) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asian, including Indian Subcontinent | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic, Latino/a | <input type="checkbox"/> Puerto Rican American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese American, Filipino | <input type="checkbox"/> White, Caucasian, European American |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Korean American | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Multiracial (<i>please specify</i>): _____ | |

Church information

Denominational affiliation:

- African Methodist Episcopal Church
- African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church
- American Baptist Church
- Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Church of the Bretheren
- Church of Christ
- Church of God in Christ
- Cooperative Baptist Fellowship
- Other (*please specify*): _____
- Episcopal Church
- Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
- Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
- Mennonite Church
- National Baptist Church
- Non-denominational
- Orthodox Church
- Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Presbyterian Church in America
- Progressive National Baptist Church
- Roman Catholic Church
- Society of Friends
- Southern Baptist Church
- Unitarian Universalist Association
- United Church of Christ
- United Methodist Church

Church membership

Congregational Fellowship *Applicants, please list your nominating congregation.*

Undergraduate, VEV and Ministry Fellowship *Applicants, please list your current congregation.*

Church _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor's name (required) _____
TITLE FIRST LAST

Office telephone _____ Email _____

Educational information *Please list colleges or universities attended in chronological order. Undergraduate Fellowship applicants, please list only the schools you have attended, not that you plan to attend.*

Undergraduate institution _____

Major _____ Degree _____ GPA _____

Dates attended _____ Graduation date _____

Undergraduate institution _____

Major _____ Degree _____ GPA _____

Dates attended _____ Graduation date _____

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Educational information *(continued)*

Graduate institution

Major

Degree

GPA

Dates attended

Graduation date

(Ministry Fellowship applicants only)

Current Seminary

Area of Concentration

GPA

Date entered

Anticipated Graduation date

(Congregational and VEV Fellowship applicants only)

If accepted, which seminary do you plan to attend?

What is your second choice?

Volunteers Exploring Vocation information

(VEV Fellowship applicants only)

Name of Program

- | | | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brethren Volunteer Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Krista Foundation for Global Citizenship | <input type="checkbox"/> Notre Dame Mission Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Catholic Volunteers in Florida | <input type="checkbox"/> Lasallian Volunteers | <input type="checkbox"/> Presbyterian Church (USA)
Young Adult Volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DOOR | <input type="checkbox"/> Lutheran Volunteer Corps | <input type="checkbox"/> US2 Program of the United
Methodist Church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Episcopal Service Corps | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Year | <input type="checkbox"/> United Church of Christ
Young Adult Service Communities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jesuit Volunteer Corps | <input type="checkbox"/> Mennonite Voluntary Service | |

Location where you serve or served

Participation dates

City

State

Zip

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Other information

Did you know about the FTE Ministry Program Fellowship to which you are applying prior to being nominated or applying? Yes No

If yes, how did you hear about the fellowship? (*Check all that apply.*)

- | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaplain or Campus Minister | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary financial aid office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College career office | <input type="checkbox"/> Friend | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary professor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College professor | <input type="checkbox"/> Program for Theological | <input type="checkbox"/> Theological Program for |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial aid office | Exploration of Vocation (PTEV) | High School Youth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FTE alumni | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary admissions office | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteers Exploring Vocation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet scholarship search | <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary dean or president | Event |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): _____ | | |

How would you characterize your interest in ministry?

- | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I plan to become an ordained minister. | <input type="checkbox"/> I am considering the possibility of ministry. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am seriously considering ministry. | <input type="checkbox"/> I had not considered the possibility of ministry prior to being nominated. (<i>Undergraduates only</i>) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): _____ | |

Signature _____

Date _____



MINISTRY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS

2010–2011 Application

- ❖ Congregational Fellowship
- ❖ VEV Fellowship

STATEMENT OF INTENT TO ENTER CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY

Congregation Fellowship and VEV Fellowship applicants only

Denominational affiliation: _____

Please respond to the following two questions as appropriate for your denomination or tradition.

What steps, if any, have you taken toward ordination or other official recognition of your ministry? _____

What are the next steps? _____

I understand that FTE seeks to support persons who will serve the church in the work of ministry in congregations. I intend to pursue congregational or parish ministry as a professional pastoral leader in the church, and I am entering a Master of Divinity degree program at an accredited school of theology to prepare for this work. I am actively engaged in the process leading to official recognition within my denomination and will continue to follow the necessary steps during my education.

Signature _____ Date _____



MINISTRY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS

2010–2011 Application

- ❖ Congregational Fellowship
- ❖ VEV Fellowship

ENDORSEMENT BY SEMINARY OR DIVINITY SCHOOL

Congregation Fellowship and VEV Fellowship applicants only

Applicant's name: _____

PRINT FULL NAME

Type of Fellowship: Congregational Volunteers Exploring Vocation (VEV) _____

The FTE Congregational and VEV Fellowships are competitive financial aid opportunities for students entering the first year of a Master of Divinity degree program. Selection is based on academic excellence, gifts for pastoral ministry, strong character and leadership ability. Please comment on the candidate's strengths that make him or her a viable choice for this fellowship. _____

Will a merit award be offered to this applicant? If not, what financial aid will be provided? _____

Seminary financial liaison with FTE (to facilitate disbursement of stipend checks):

Name _____

PLEASE PRINT

Position _____

Telephone _____

E-mail address _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Seminary Endorser Academic dean Admissions officer Other (please specify) _____

Name _____

Signature _____

Name of school _____

Date _____



MINISTRY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS

2010–2011 Application

❖ Ministry Fellowship

INFORMATION ON FORMAL CANDIDACY PROCESS

Ministry Fellowship applicants only

Denominational affiliation: _____

Please respond to the following two questions as appropriate for your denomination or tradition.

What steps, if any, have you taken toward ordination or other official recognition of your ministry? _____

What are the next steps? _____

Signature _____ Date _____



MINISTRY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS

2010–2011 Application

❖ Congregational Fellowship

NOMINATION AND FINANCIAL COMMITMENT BY CONGREGATION

Congregational Fellowship applicants only

Name of nominee _____
PRINT FULL NAME

Name of congregation _____

How did you hear about the Congregational Fellowship?

- FTE Calling Congregations Event
 FTE website
 Seminary
 FTE staff
 Another congregation
 Other (*please specify*) _____
 FTE alumni
 Nominee _____

Financial commitment

Should our nominee be awarded the FTE Congregational Fellowship, we commit to providing the following dollar amount toward the Fellow’s tuition and expenses during the 2010–2011 academic year:

\$ _____

We understand that we will submit this amount directly to the Fellow’s school with a check made payable to the Fellow and that our commitment may be paid in two equal installments prior to each semester. We also understand that FTE will send its matching payment directly to the Fellow’s school in two equal installments only after receiving notice from the school that the sponsoring congregation has paid its commitment for the semester.

Chief administrative/fiscal officer _____ Title _____
PRINT NAME MR./MS./REV./DR.

Position _____

Church address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ E-mail address _____

Signature _____

Commitment to nurturing vocation

In reviewing the nomination of your candidate, the FTE Selection Committee will consider your congregation’s commitment to cultivating the call to ministry. Please describe this commitment, using the following questions as a guide:

- ❖ How does your congregation address both vocation as a component of Christian discipleship and the call to ordained ministry with youth and young adults in your congregation?
- ❖ How has your congregation nurtured the nominee’s sense of Christian vocation and interest in congregational ministry?

Please provide your response on a separate, type-written document and attach this page as a cover sheet.



MINISTRY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS

2010–2011 Application

❖ VEV Fellowship

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM VEV SUPERVISOR

VEV Fellowship applicants only

Name of applicant

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

The Educational Rights and Privacy Act allows an applicant to waive his or her rights to access confidential letters or statements written on his or her behalf. FTE does not require a waiver as a condition of the fellowship. You are free to choose to maintain your right to access this recommendation or waive that right.

Please check one of the following statements:

- I waive my right to examine this recommendation.
- I do not waive my right to examine this recommendation.

Signature

Date

The person whose name appears above is applying for a fellowship from The Fund for Theological Education. The FTE VEV Fellowship is a competitive financial aid opportunity for students who are participating or who have recently participated in a Volunteers Exploring Vocation program and who are planning to enter the first year of a Master of Divinity degree program. Selection is based on academic excellence, gifts for pastoral ministry, strong character and leadership ability. Please comment on the candidate's strengths that make him or her a viable choice for the VEV Fellowship. We especially are interested in knowing about this person's capabilities as demonstrated in a ministry setting, with particular focus on his or her spiritual wisdom, theological curiosity, perseverance, passion and love of God and neighbor.

Please place the applicant's name and your name at the top of each page of your letter.

Please return these materials to the applicant in a sealed and signed envelope.

The deadline for receipt of this letter of reference is April 1.

Name of supervisor

Title

PLEASE PRINT

MR./MS./REV./DR.

Position

E-mail address

Name of VEV program

Date

Address

City

State

Zip

Signature of supervisor



MINISTRY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS

2010–2011 Application

- ❖ Undergraduate Fellowship
- ❖ Congregational Fellowship
- ❖ VEV Fellowship
- ❖ Ministry Fellowship

ACADEMIC LETTER OF REFERENCE

Undergraduate Fellowship, Congregational Fellowship, VEV Fellowship and Ministry Fellowship applicants

Name of applicant

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- I do not waive my right to examine this recommendation.

Signature

Date

The person whose name appears above has been nominated for a fellowship from The Fund for Theological Education. We are interested in knowing about this person's intellectual and relational capabilities as reflected in academic work, with particular focus on his or her critical thinking skills, curiosity, perseverance, work ethic and intellectual leadership among peers.

Please place the applicant's name and your name at the top of each page of your letter.

Please return these materials to the nominee in a sealed and signed envelope.

Name of reference

Title

PLEASE PRINT

MR./MS./REV./DR.

Position

Institution

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

E-mail address

Signature of reference

Date



MINISTRY PROGRAM FELLOWSHIPS

2010–2011 Application

- ❖ Undergraduate Fellowship
- ❖ Congregational Fellowship
- ❖ Ministry Fellowship

MINISTRY LETTER OF REFERENCE

Undergraduate, Congregational and Ministry Fellowship applicants

Name of applicant

LAST

FIRST

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Signature

Date

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*Please place the applicant’s name and your name at the top of each page of your letter.
Please return these materials to the nominee in a sealed and signed envelope.*

Name of reference

Title

PLEASE PRINT

MR./MS./REV./DR.

Position

Institution

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

E-mail

Relationship to nominee:

- Home church pastor Chaplain or Campus minister
- College church pastor Other (*Please specify*) _____

Signature of reference

Date