

The Cooper Fund
Mississippi Conference of The United Methodist Church
Application for Grant

The Cooper Fund annually provides two grants of \$1,000 each to students who are juniors or seniors in an accredited college or university and two grants of \$1,000 each to students in an accredited seminary. All students must plan to enter the full time professional ministry of The United Methodist Church. Funds for the grants come from the interest on an endowment established by Dr. I.W. Cooper in 1906 and increased by gifts over the years to assist persons planning on full time professional ministry.

Please complete or circle all requested information.

Name _____ Date of birth _____

Address _____

Cell Phone Number _____ Email _____

Male Female Single Married Divorced Widowed No. of dependents _____

Name of church where you are a member _____

Church address _____

Plan for ministry: Ordained Elder Deacon Music Education Youth Other _____

Present status with the Board of Ordained Ministry
Candidate Local Pastor Student Other: _____

Are you presently serving a church/charge in the Mississippi Conference: Yes No
If yes, name of charge: _____

Name of school where you are presently enrolled: _____

Name of school you plan to attend this fall: _____

Name and Complete Address of where you want the check to be sent, if awarded:

Status as of July 2008: Junior Senior Expected graduation date: _____

Anticipated semester cost:	Tuition	_____
	Books and supplies	_____
	Room and board	_____
	Travel	_____
	Total cost for semester	_____

Are you married? Yes No

Are you employed? Yes No If yes: Secular Church related

Is spouse employed? Yes No If yes: Secular Church related

Your anticipated income in 2008: _____

Spouse's anticipated income in 2008: (if applicable): _____

Other anticipated sources of financial aid (and amounts):

Government financial aid _____

Work study _____

School or government backed loans _____

Relatives _____

Other sources: _____ _____

Do you plan on going to graduate school: Yes No If yes, where? _____

Expected date of entry to graduate school _____

Do you plan to return to Mississippi and serve here upon completion of your education?

Yes No

You must give **three references with addresses**. We suggest a minister and two lay people who are not relatives. List these references below. Please note you will also be providing forms to them to complete.

Reference 1 _____

Reference 2 _____

Reference 3 _____

Are there additional comments you wish to make? _____

**Please return this form, postmarked no later than May 15,
to Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry,
c/o Harold Manning, 4435 Peppertown Road
Mantachie, MS 38855.**

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_____ has applied for a grant through the Cooper Fund of the Mississippi Conference. Your name has been given as a reference. Please assist the selection committee by answering the following questions.

1. To my knowledge the applicant is presently a student of junior or senior classification. ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unknown

2. The applicant is active in a local congregation within The United Methodist Church. ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unknown

Name of local church _____

Address _____

3. The applicant possesses the leadership potential necessary to be in ministry. ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unknown

4. Does the applicant need financial assistance? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unknown

5. Do you know of any reason why this person should not be considered for a Cooper Fund grant? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Unknown

If yes, please explain. _____

6. Please describe the applicant's leadership skills, as well as involvement in church and community activities. Use a separate sheet.

Signed _____

Relationship to applicant _____

Address _____

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