

Duke Memorial Supportive Church Initiative

Invitation to LGBTQ Seminarians

SUMMARY

- Open to LGBTQ Seminarians who are affiliate, associate, or full members of Duke Memorial UMC (by definition associate members are not required to be members of the United Methodist Church).
- Must be enrolled in an ATS accredited seminary or divinity school.
- Seminarians will meet with the committee to determine the kind of support they are seeking
- All those invited into the Supportive Church Initiative receive \$1000 scholarship applied directly towards their tuition. Funds are available for one year with the possibility of renewal.
- Seminarians may receive support anonymously.
- The number of seminarians supported by the church depends upon available funding and the needs of the participants.

SEMINARIAN INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Cell/school phone: _____

Email: _____

Relationship to Duke Memorial: _____

Undergraduate Institution*: _____ Graduated/will graduate: _____

Seminary attending: _____ Estimated Graduation: _____

What is your anticipated degree? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How do/will you pay for your seminary education? (check all that apply)

Parents/family members' savings/wages My own savings/wages Scholarships or grants

Loans Other (please specify) _____

Applicant's Signature:

Date:

Email completed application to scholarships@dukememorial.org

OR mail to: The Supportive Church Initiative, Duke Memorial UMC, 504 W. Chapel Hill St, Durham, NC 27701

Deadline:

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please respond to the following in 500 words or less per question:

1. Describe your call to ministry. Please include your current denominational identity, and what ways you imagine serving the local church. If pursuing ordination, please share with us about your process.

2. What ways do you imagine Duke Memorial supporting your call to ministry through discernment, nurture, support, care, or empowerment?