



The Turner Leadership Scholars Program

It is the goal of the Turner Leadership Scholars Program and Vanderbilt Divinity School to recruit, mentor, and financially support candidates for the Master of Divinity program who have achieved academic excellence and demonstrated a clear intent to pursue ordained congregational ministry within the United Methodist Church.

Each year, Turner Scholarships are awarded to incoming first-year United Methodist students.** Scholars will receive an award of full tuition and an annual stipend of up to \$10,000 dependent on congregational work. Typical candidates will have a 3.4 cumulative grade point average or higher and will be an Inquiring or Certified Candidate for ordination in his or her Annual Conference. Renewal of the scholarship for the second and third years requires the following:

- Maintenance of at least a 3.4 cumulative grade point average
- Work in a local United Methodist congregation under the direction of a pastoral mentor
- Regular accountability meetings (seminars and workshops) with program directors, faculty members and other Turner Scholars
- Regular participation in United Methodist Student Association events

Interested candidates for the Turner Scholarship must complete and submit the following supplemental information along with the **Application for Admission** to Vanderbilt Divinity School by **January 15**.

[** subject to available funding]

Instructions

1. Submit the completed District Superintendent Certification Form or ask your District Superintendent to complete and return the form to Vanderbilt Divinity School.
2. Submit the completed nomination form and letter or request that the nominator complete and return the form to Vanderbilt Divinity School as one of the three required recommendations
3. Respond in essay form to the following question in approximately 1000 words:
What is the biggest challenge facing the United Methodist Church and what leadership competencies will be most beneficial for pastors addressing this challenge?
4. Submit all materials to:
 - Vanderbilt Divinity School
 - Turner Leadership Scholars
 - 411 21st Avenue South
 - Nashville, TN 37240

Please complete the following information:

Last name	First	Middle	(Preferred)
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Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Email Address	Phone Number
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Annual Conference	District	Church
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Nominator's Full Name	Nominator's Title
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Nominator's Academic or Ecclesial Institution	City	State
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The Turner Leadership Scholarship District Superintendent Certification Form

This document confirms that _____ is in the following stage of the candidacy process:

- Inquiring Candidate
- Exploring Candidate
- Declared Candidate
- Certified Candidate
- Other; please explain:

Additional Comments:

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (Please print or type) _____

Annual Conference _____ District _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ Phone Number _____

Please return this form by **January 15** to Vanderbilt Divinity School, Office of Admissions, 411 21st Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37240.



The Turner Leadership Scholarship Nomination Form

TO THE CANDIDATE:

Candidates for the Turner Scholarship must be nominated in writing by their minister, chaplain, academic dean, faculty member, or other appropriate official of their academy or church. This letter of nomination should be submitted as an attachment of this form by **January 15**.

TO THE NOMINATOR:

Vanderbilt Divinity School seeks to fulfill the following objectives: to engage men and women in a theological understanding of religious traditions; to help persons, both lay and ordained, re-envision and prepare for the practice of Christian ministry in our time; to encourage individuals in their spiritual and intellectual growth; to prepare leaders who will be agents of social justice; and to educate future scholars and teachers of religion.

The Turner Scholarships are for men and women who experience and understand a clear and strong call to ordained ministry in the United Methodist Church; possess exceptional gifts for intellectual achievement and pastoral leadership; are outstanding leaders in their schools, churches, and society; and demonstrate potential to enrich the lives of their contemporaries at Vanderbilt Divinity School and in ministry.

All candidates for these scholarships will demonstrate the aforementioned qualities and attributes. What, in your judgment, makes this candidate distinctive?

Please attach your letter of nomination to this page and submit it by **January 15** to:

Vanderbilt Divinity School
Turner Leadership Scholars
411 21st Avenue South
Nashville, TN 37240

Applicant's Name (Please print or type)

Nominator's Name

Institution

Nominator's Email Address

Phone Number

Nominator's Signature

Date