



## MARJORIE BOWENS-WHEATLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

*... Ministry is what we do together – clergy and the laity. It flows from a religious conviction that invites people to become more of themselves, more whole, as we give witness to a vision of a world transformed by our care.*

– Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley, January 2005

### FUNDING PRIORITIES/CRITERIA

In addition to identifying as women of color, Latina, or Hispanic, applicants for these scholarship funds must also be either:

- aspirants or candidates for the Unitarian Universalist ministry, or,
- candidates in the Unitarian Universalist Association's professional religious education or music leadership credentialing programs.

### RESTRICTIONS

Scholarship recipients are expected to communicate with the scholarship panel about the ways in which their calling to UU ministry, religious education, or music leadership has been enhanced by a Bowens-Wheatley scholarship, but there is no requirement for a post-award accounting of how the funds were spent.

### GRANT SIZE AND TYPE OF FUNDING

Awards are generally from \$1,500 to \$2,000. These scholarships were made available to aspirants or candidates for the UU ministry beginning in 2009, but they are now available as well to candidates in the UUA's professional religious education and music leadership credentialing programs. All applicants must also identify as women of color, Latina or Hispanic.

### FUNDING CYCLE AND DEADLINES

Each year's funding cycle begins with the March 15 application deadline; if the 15<sup>th</sup> falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is the following Monday.

If submitted via e-mail attachments, applications must be received on or before the deadline.

If submitted via surface mail, applications must be postmarked on or before the deadline.

Recipients are selected by the Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Panel two to three months after the deadline and before the annual General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association. All applicants – whether selected for a scholarship or not – are notified in writing of the decisions. Checks are mailed to recipients by June 30th.

## **APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

### **Application Methods**

Applications may be submitted:

- via e-mail, as Microsoft Word or pdf document files (preferred);
- via surface mail, as hard copies.

### **Materials to be Included**

All applications must include:

- A. [Application Cover Sheet](#)
- B. A one to two page narrative that responds to the questions below. Format this document for 8½” x 11” paper; set margins at ¾” on all four sides; and use at least 12 point type for the text. Type each of the following questions, including its number, before your response.
  1. **YOUR CALL:** What is the nature of your call to UU ministry, religious education, or music leadership?
  2. **YOUR PASSIONS:** What are you passionate about?
  3. **RACIAL/ETHNIC INFLUENCE:** What is your racial/ethnic/cultural background and how does it influence your goals for your calling?
  4. **INSPIRATION:** The Reverend Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley dedicated much of her life’s energy to creating a better world. How does her work in promoting justice, fighting oppression, and creating a more equitable world relate to and inspire your dreams and plans for your service to Unitarian Universalism?

### **To Apply Using Microsoft Word Files**

1. Download the [Application Cover Sheet](#) from the UUWF website. It is set up as a Word form – complete it by tabbing from field to field and save it to your hard drive. It becomes the first of two e-mail attachments that will make up your scholarship application.
2. Prepare your narrative as a second Word document, following the instructions in “Materials to be Included,” #B. This is your second attachment.
3. Send your application **as two attachments to a single e-mail** to: [uuwfassistant@uua.org](mailto:uuwfassistant@uua.org). Use Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Application as your e-mail’s subject line and include your name and Day or Cell Phone number in the text of your e-mail.

## **To Apply Using PDF Files or Hard Copies:**

1. Open and print the [Application Cover Sheet](#) on the UUWF website and complete it manually.
2. Prepare your narrative following the instructions in “Materials to be Included,” #B.
3. **PDF submissions:** scan your Application Cover Sheet and narrative into a single pdf file and e-mail it as an attachment to: [uufassistant@uua.org](mailto:uufassistant@uua.org). Use Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Application as your e-mail’s subject line and include your name and Day or Cell Phone number in the text of your e-mail.
4. **Surface mail submissions:** send five copies of your application to: Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Panel, UUWF, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

### **Remember:**

E-mail submissions must be received before or on the deadline.

Surface mailed submissions must be postmarked before or on the deadline.

**Questions?** Contact Ellen Spencer at the UUWF Office.