



3322 N. 92nd Street
Milwaukee, WI 53222
414-750-4404

Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

uuwf@uuwf.org
www.uuwf.org

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

The Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Program provides financial support to BIPOC women who are on a path to becoming religious professionals within the UU faith. The purpose of the scholarship is to help ease the financial burden associated with this pursuit, and to build a network of BIPOC UU religious professionals who are committed to social justice as a cornerstone of their ministry. Six applicants are awarded per year, and are selected based on the following considerations:

Clear path for their career journey in Unitarian Universalism: Does the applicant have a current, deep relationship with UU institutions?

- Formal roles
- Informal roles
- Current professional path is UU ministry, music, RE

Articulates, implicitly or explicitly, the intersection of UU principles and justice work: How does the applicant view the interplay between UU principles/values, social justice, and career path? What is the applicant's analysis of how to do successful social justice work?

- Direct connection to principles, expression of faith
- Anti-oppression practice/point of view
- Role of gender and misogyny in justice work

Has built, is building, or intends to build connections to communities: Does the applicant describe belonging to, participating in, and/or building communities that are committed to social justice (UU or not, BIPOC or not)?

- Relationship-oriented
- Active in formal or informal justice work
- Has built/is building networks and leveraging relationships to advance justice

Articulates, implicitly or explicitly, the connection they see between identities and UU-based justice work: How does the applicant see their various identities informing their ministry? What do their identities mean to them in the context of the UU faith?

- Lived experience as BIPOC woman (this includes trans women, femmes, and gender expansive/nonbinary folks)
- Experience as BIPOC UU

RESTRICTIONS

A scholarship recipient must identify as a BIPOC woman. Applicants complete an online form with questions about their calling to UU ministry, religious education, or music leadership. The board and panel appreciate updates on how recipients' careers and lives have been enhanced by a Bowens-Wheatley scholarship, but there is no requirement for post-award accounting of how funds were spent.

GRANT SIZE AND TYPE OF FUNDING

Awards are generally from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

FUNDING CYCLE AND DEADLINES

There are two funding cycles per year, with deadlines of May 1st and November 1st. Applications must be received on or before the deadline. Recipients are selected by the Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Panel up to three months after the deadline. All applicants – whether selected for a scholarship or not – are notified in writing of the decisions.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The application form is available on pages 3-4 of this document.

Questions? Contact Dana Robb, UUWF Administrator, at uuwf@uuwf.org or 414-750-4404.

Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Application Form

The Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Program provides financial support to BIPOC women who are on a path to becoming religious professionals within the UU faith. The purpose of the scholarship is to help ease the financial burden associated with this pursuit, and to build a network of BIPOC UU religious professionals who are committed to social justice as a cornerstone of their ministry.

Feel free to add additional pages if you would like more space to answer the questions.

Name _____

Mailing address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Daytime phone _____ Email _____

I am: Aspirant or candidate for UU ministry

A candidate in the UUA's professional religious education or music leadership credentialing programs

Reference #1

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Reference #2

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Tell us about your relationship with UU principles and values and institutions?

How do you view the interplay between UU principles, social justice, and your career path?

What does successful social justice work look like for you?

Describe the community or communities you are part of and their role in your social justice work.

How do you see your identity/identities informing your ministry? What do your identities mean to you in the context of the UU faith?

How would a Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley scholarship help you?

Signing below authorizes the UUWF to verify with the Unitarian Universalist Association that you are either an aspirant or candidate for the UU ministry or a candidate in the UUA's professional religious education or music leadership credentialing programs. If submitting the form online, your electronic signature (your full name, entered in the box below) has the same effect as a written signature.

Signature _____ Date _____

Application deadlines are May 1 and November 1 of each year. Applications should be submitted in PDF format by email to: uuwf@uuwf.org. You will receive a confirmation response within 24 hours of submission.