



Application | Alford-Cantlin Fellows Cohort and MEF Request

(Please print or type. Incomplete applications will be returned.)

Part I: Personal History

Name _____
(first name) (last name) (middle name)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Social Security # _____ Date of Birth _____

Appointment _____

District _____

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Other _____

Spouse's Name _____ Occupation _____

List Children and Other Dependents

Age & Relationship

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

List previous educational institutions and degrees. *(Begin with the most recent.)*

Name of School\Location	Degree	Dates Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
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Part II: Alford-Cantlin Fellows Cohort | Plan of Study

Start Date: Summer 2026; The program plans to welcome a new cohort every other year.

Location: On site and online via Methodist Theological School in Ohio and WOC Center, Worthington, OH

Goal: The goal of the program is to increase effectiveness among West Ohio Conference clergy by encouraging the pursuit of advanced professional development that includes evidenced-based program supports and enhancements.

Program: Clergy who are serving in the WOC will complete their DMin program at MTSO in a peer cohort of other WOC clergy. Known as Alford-Cantlin Fellows, participants will receive additional supports from WOC beyond those provided by their academic program at MTSO including:

- + | one-on-one mentoring;
- experiential education as available;
- and scholarship funding.

Eligibility: Ordained clergy serving in appointments in the West Ohio Conference who have completed the REF process and who meet the criteria for admission to the MTSO DMin program and meet all application deadlines are eligible to apply. Ordained United Methodist clergy of all ages and backgrounds who meet these criteria may apply, and diverse candidates are encouraged to apply.

Scholarships and Aid: WOC and MTSO will work with each potential cohort participant to determine what financial aid they may qualify for including local church funding, MEF funds, aid from MTSO if available, personal contribution, or outside grants after which they can apply for last-dollar support up to half the cost of the program from the Alford Endowment and/or Frazer Excellence in Ministry Scholarship of the United Methodist Foundation of West Ohio. It's important that applicants seek all potential sources of support and provide documentation about their search.

Alford-Cantlin Fellows Application Essay Questions

1. Please explain your interest in participating in the cohort, what you hope to get out of your experience in the cohort, and what you will bring to the cohort through your presence.

2. How will your regular responsibilities be handled while you are in class, in cohort meetings, and when you are studying and writing? What do you plan on giving up in order to make space for this experience?

Please attach a copy of your admissions essay for Methodist Theological School in Ohio.



Part III: Expenses

Please itemize expenses that will be incurred by you in the continuing education experience described on page 2.

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| 1. Tuition and Fees | \$ <u>19,500</u> |
| 2. Room and Board | \$ _____ |
| 3. Books | \$ _____ |
| 4. Other (please explain) | \$ _____ |
| 5. Total | \$ _____ |

PART IV: Resources

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| 1. Personal Contribution | \$ _____ |
| 2. Local Church Budget* | \$ _____ |
| 3. Other grants or resources,
(explain below+) | \$ _____ |
| Total | \$ _____ |

* If Item #2 is answered "none" please indicate steps taken to request the establishment of a Continuing Education Fund in your church budget.

+ If Item #3 is indicated please explain. Use back if necessary.



PART V: Application for MEF Grant

I apply for a grant in the amount of \$ _____ Date funds needed _____

PART VI: Endorsement of the Educational Experience

The Ministerial Education Fund is based on the premise that we care about and financially support others in reaching their educational goals.

(Signature of Pastor-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson)

(Signature of District Superintendent)

(Signature of Applicant)

Forward Completed Application to:

acfellows@wocumc.org

Or mail to:

Office of Ministry

c/o Donnetta Peaks

32 Wesley Blvd.

Worthington, OH 43085

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE:



Action _____ Voucher Date _____ Accountability Form _____