



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH OF WISCONSIN
AMERICAN BAPTIST-RELATED SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS
2023 INFORMATION

CLERGY – grants for non-degree educational opportunities

Available from ABC Wisconsin:

Evalyn Attoe Blumer Fund Continuing Education Scholarships for Clergy of Small Churches

- In 1994 Evalyn Attoe Blumer of Wild Rose, Wisconsin made plans in her estate to support the continuing education of clergy of small churches. She died in April 2003 and in 2004 this fund began providing the assistance she desired.
- Limited funds are available each year. Grants are awarded on a first-come first-served basis to pastors in fully cooperating ABC/WI congregations whose average worship attendance is 100 or less. (One grant per calendar year per clergyperson) - Grants range from \$50 to \$200 depending on the length, cost and location of the event. Events must be ABC sponsored. Examples of qualifying events are: ABC Biennial Mission Summit, Green Lake conferences, region Ministers Council Retreat, region annual meeting, and region co-sponsored ministry-assessment sessions and continuing education events.
- Contact the [Office Administrator](#) at the regional office for the ABC/WI Scholarship/Grant application form.

Available from Other ABC Sources:

- The American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) provide yearly financial assistance to ministerial leaders who are listed in the current ABCUSA Professional Registry to attend educational events. They also have limited funds for sabbatical grants. To get the most up-to-date information, please visit www.abhms.org. Follow the links to “Education & Scholarships” information for “Ministerial Leaders.” Appropriate contact information for more details will be available on this site as well. If you have questions about your status on the “ABCUSA professional registry,” also known as ABCIS, please contact the ABC/WI [Office Administrator](#).

Available from Non-ABC Sources:

- [Miles of Melanin Travel Grant](#): Open to Melanated activists, writers and artists to attend social justice conferences, symposiums, and workshops who do not receive funding from other institutions (church, seminary, college, university). If you are awarded a grant, you must show proof of registration for the conference, symposium or conference that you will be attending. Travel will be handled directly by miles of melanin.

SEMINARIANS/UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Available from ABC Wisconsin:

- Seminarians who are part of ABC/WI and are attending accredited may qualify for the *Regional Seminarian Grant*:
 - o Grants are available for students who are members of fully cooperating churches of ABC/WI and who are pursuing their initial seminary masters degree in an accredited seminary. This is generally the Master of Divinity degree.
 - o Students must be enrolled for at least two courses (six units) to qualify. These part-time students will be eligible to receive \$500/semester from ABC/WI. Students enrolled for at least three courses (nine units) qualify for the maximum ABC/WI grant of \$1,000/semester. Seminarians receiving this grant and are enrolled in at least two-thirds time may qualify for the Seminarian Support Program (SSP), which is a matching grant opportunity for up to \$1000 per calendar year from ABHMS (see below). A total amount of \$6000 from the *Regional Seminarian Grant*—whether for part-time or full-time study—is available per student for their seminary degree.
 - o Contact the [Office Administrator](#) at the regional office for the ABC/WI Scholarship/Grant application form. Complete the form and return it with required documentation to the regional office.

From Other ABC Sources:

- Asian-American seminarians may apply for the seminarian scholarship from the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches, typically made available each spring for the following academic year. Contact region office for current info.
- Calvary Baptist Church, Milwaukee and American Baptist Women’s Ministries, Wisconsin have student scholarship programs available. ABC/WI includes this information in our communications when made available to us, typically in the Spring.

Other: See clergy info above for links to ABHMS & Miles of Melanin Travel Grant for info related to students. Students should also check with their school’s financial aid office for other scholarship information.