

**Jeanne Audrey Powers Leadership for Change Fund  
Scholarship Application**

Indicate:      first-time application            Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
                  renewal application        

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Ethnicity \_\_\_\_\_

Names of seminaries applied to (or continuing): \_\_\_\_\_

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Seminary address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Student status (full or part-time): \_\_\_\_\_

Your Annual Conference or other body of accountability: \_\_\_\_\_

Home (or most recently-affiliated) church (name, address)

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Describe your status in the ordination process of the United Methodist Church:

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Please answer in essay form:

1. What have been the formative experiences in your life that have led you toward ordained ministry?

2. What personal experience(s) have made you aware of the need for more just systems in The United Methodist Church?
3. As you know, the purpose of this scholarship is to encourage leadership in the UMC for change regarding its policies concerning LGBTQ persons. Why is this issue important to you? Why is it an important issue for the Church?
4. What would you suggest as the most effective strategies for making change in the UMC regarding these issues? What strategies for systemic change have you seen and found compelling?
5. Describe your most recent relationship with a local congregation. Have you had leadership responsibilities? Is this church a Reconciling Congregation?
6. Have you attended workshops, seminars, conferences, work camps, etc. in other parts of the country or the world? Have you ever attended a national event of The United Methodist Church, such as General Conference, Reconciling Convocation, Women's Assembly, Global Gathering, etc.? What have you learned from these events?
7. What ecumenical experiences have you had?
8. What systems or structures will provide you emotional, financial, collegial and/or community supports during your seminary experience?
9. Describe any other experiences you have had that will make you a leader in promoting justice for LGBTQ persons in the life of the United Methodist Church.
10. What else should the selection committee know about you as they consider your application for this scholarship?

All responses will be held in confidence by the selection committee.

*Please return by **April 15th, 2018** to Rev. Will Scott, Associate Advancement Director, Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709 or [willscott@psr.edu](mailto:willscott@psr.edu).*

## References

All applicants, both first-time and renewal, must provide three letters of recommendation with their application:

1. A person who can attest to the applicant's ability to succeed in a seminary/academic setting. (For an entering student, this may be a former professor or teacher, a professional colleague, or supervisor. For a renewal applicant, this should be a faculty member who has taught the applicant in seminary.)
2. A church leader.
3. A person who is familiar with the applicant's leadership skills.

Recommendation forms may include the following questions:

1. How long and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?
2. Please provide an evaluation of the applicant's commitment to and involvement in the life of the church.
3. What is your perception of this applicant's understanding of the ordained ministry as a context for serving as a change agent in the Church and in the world?
4. What gifts does the applicant bring to work for justice in the Church and in the world? Does the applicant have any limitations in this regard that concern you?
5. Please feel free to provide any additional reflections and evaluations of the applicant.

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