

DAKOTAS ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Ministerial Education Debt Reduction Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Commissioning Date: _____ **Current Appointment:** _____

GUIDELINES

Probationary members of the Dakotas Annual Conference may be eligible to receive up to a *Yearly Maximum* as determined by the DAC Board of Ordained Ministry per year for up to six successive years for education debt retirement. Eligibility continues after Elder's ordination. The current yearly recommend amount is \$1000 with maximum overall Debt Reduction of \$6,000.

The following stipulations determine eligibility:

1. All educational requirements for Elder's Orders have been completed.
2. Application is made initially in his or her first full-time appointment and continues in full time appointment. Less-than-full-time appointments may receive grants on a pro rata basis. Appointments to attend school do not qualify.
3. The applicant must be in an appointment within the bounds of the DAC. Debt Reduction support will cease with any termination of relationship with the DAC, or appointment outside the bounds of the conference.
4. The applicant will supply evidence of educational debt related to ministerial education
5. Applicants who meet the rest of the requirements but who are not yet probationary members of the DAC may receive debt reduction funds. But these funds will be considered "loan-grants" until the person is commissioned. Loan-grants must be repaid or forgiven by service in the conference. Only service under appointment after probationary membership will count toward forgiveness.

The DAC will determine the amount to be granted each year. Exception to this policy may be approved by the DAC Board of Ordained Ministry. Application forms must be requested annually by the new pastor from the Conference Loan Officer. Debt Reduction Grand decisions will be made at the Board of Ordained Ministry meeting at Annual Conference.

I request Ministerial Education Debt Reduction Funds in the amount of \$1000.

For the year: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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RETURN TO:

Student Loan Officer
1331 W. University Ave., Mitchell SD 57301
bea.stucke@dakotasumc.org 605-996-6552