



# Vision Fund

## Continuing Education Bursaries

The United Church of Canada/L'Église Unie du Canada

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“Whoever welcomes one of these...children in my name welcomes me.”  
Mark 9:37 (NIV)

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### Preamble

Donations to the Mission & Service of The United Church of Canada support the Continuing Education Bursaries (CEB) program. The aim of the CEB program is to support the development of leaders in youth and young adult ministry in The United Church of Canada.

Before applying, please consider how your attendance at a training event will support The United Church of Canada's Vision for Youth and Young Adult Ministry,<sup>1</sup> outlined here:

- **We gather** so that youth and young adults discover their identity as Christians, within the expression called The United Church of Canada.
- **We unite** leaders and youth and young adults to collaborate, share experience and resources, and network and find support in our common call.
- **We equip** young people and their leaders to recognize and claim their gifts of the Spirit to enhance the church and their community, to confidently know, live, and share the stories of God's people, and to live as disciples of Christ, carrying out God's mission.
- **We engage** young people to act with love, pursuing the mission of God in the world, believing transformation and social and systemic change will create a more just world.

### Eligibility

We welcome applications from volunteers, congregational designated ministers (CDMs), and designated lay and ordered ministers from United Church of Canada faith communities. Volunteers and CDMs can receive up to \$500 per person per year, and designated lay and ordered ministers can receive up to \$300 per person per year. Special consideration is given to leaders from remote settings, leaders who are themselves youth or young adults, and others who have no further continuing education funds provided to them.

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<sup>1</sup> For the complete United Church of Canada Youth and Young Adult Strategy, visit the [United Church Commons](#).

## The Vision Fund Continuing Education Bursaries

If you have any questions about the eligibility of your group or your project, please contact the Program Assistant ([visionfund@united-church.ca](mailto:visionfund@united-church.ca); 416-231-7680 or 1-800-268-3781 ext. 4142).

### Evaluation

Applications are assessed according to three criteria.

#### 1. Suitability

Is there a clear plan for the continuing education program? Is the need for this training clearly described?

*Have you provided a clear description of the training event and a complete budget so that the committee can evaluate the suitability of the proposal? The committee can only make a decision based on the information that you provide in your application.*

#### 2. Outcomes

How will the training event benefit your ministry with youth and young adults, your faith community, and the broader world?

*Have you clearly explained how your project will make a positive impact for youth, your community, and the broader world? Consider how your project will serve the calling of The United Church of Canada, as expressed in A New Creed (1968, rev.): "to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil."*

#### 3. Alignment

How does the project support mission for youth and young adults in The United Church of Canada?

*Have you clearly explained how your project supports the vision of The United Church of Canada for youth and young adult ministry, as outlined in the Preamble above?*

### Preparing Your Application

Application forms are provided as editable files in Microsoft Word format (.docx). Please use these files for your application.

It is important that you provide complete responses to all questions. If an application is incomplete, the committee may not be able to give it full consideration. If you do not have access to Microsoft Word, or if you require assistance completing an application, please contact the Program Assistant at [visionfund@united-church.ca](mailto:visionfund@united-church.ca) or by phone at 416-231-7680 or 1-800-268-3781 ext. 4142.

## Project Budget

The project budget is often the most important part of an application. A properly prepared budget shows the committee that the applicants have put thought and effort into their project. It shows they have considered in detail the variables that affect their event. It also shows at a glance what the money will be spent on and where it is coming from.

For example, a sample budget for a training trip may look something like this:

<b>Income</b>	
Grant from Vision Fund	\$500
Other grants Gift from congregation	\$100
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$600</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Travel Air fare	\$300
Room and board	\$200
Events fees Registration	\$150
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750</b>
<b>Income less expenses</b>	<b>\$(150)</b>

**Please note that the Vision Fund is unable to provide funding for projects that result in a profit (i.e., income less expenses > \$0).**

## Submitting Your Application

Please e-mail all required documents to [visionfund@united-church.ca](mailto:visionfund@united-church.ca) before the deadline announced on the website as Word (.docx) or Portable Document Format (.pdf) files. As the committee meets very soon after the deadline, late applications may not be considered until the next meeting of the committee.

If you do not have access to email or require assistance submitting an application, please call the Program Assistant at 416-231-7680 or 1-800-268-3781 ext. 4142.