

Doctor of Ministry Financial Assistance

Entrance to the Program

An employee sponsored by the Illinois Conference to study for the Doctor of Ministry degree at Andrews University shall:

1. Be an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. Have a Master of Divinity or Bachelor of Divinity degree or equivalent (as required by the Seminary).
3. Have made commendable progress in past ministry and demonstrated capacity for filling unique pastoral assignments.
4. Have served as an employee of the Illinois Conference for a minimum of two years.
5. Have served a minimum of four years in pastoral ministry.
6. Have no other doctoral degree and not be near completion of a doctoral degree in some other discipline.
7. Receive approval from ADCOM.
8. Only three (3) pastors can be in the assistance program at the same time.

(reference to NADWP U 15 05)

Distribution of Costs*

1. The student will utilize all accumulated Continuing Education Funds first.
2. The student will be responsible for the cost of textbooks.
3. The Conference pays one-third of all tuition costs.
4. The Conference pays up to half for all travel costs (airfare, hotel, car rental).
5. The student will not be charged vacation time or out-of-conference trip time while attending classes.
6. The above coverage assumes a 2-year amortization prior to the student's accepting a call to another field or organization.

Application

1. The employee will submit a 400-word summary stating the following:
 - a. The purpose for entering the program – The why?
 - b. How will the education program enhance your ministry – now?
 - c. Since the program is a 4-6 year process, what will be the anticipated benefits to you and your district after you have completed the program?
2. The application will be submitted to the Ministerial Director.
3. Once approved by the Ministerial Director, will be passed on to the Executive Secretary.
4. Final ADCOM decision will be communicated to the Ministerial Director.

Under special circumstances, when an academic program at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary does not fit for an individual or the DMin program does not offer adequate classwork in a specific ministry, students may receive up to these amounts at other seminaries. This will occur only when the student obtains prior approval for his or her course of study.

* Similar program may be applied by those who seek for the Master of Pastoral Ministry degree. For further information and approval, contact the ILC Executive Secretary.