



TenthFuture, Inc.

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”
Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

All of us want to make wise investments in our churches, communities and country. We are constantly seeking to commit our time talent and treasure into something that will offer a profitable return or enhance the chances of a bright future and hope.

The Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church wants to invest in the future of our local congregations, Paul Quinn College and students pursuing theological training. This is going to be done through TenthFuture, Inc. a new 501c3 non-profit corporation that will seek to raise resources outside of tithes and offering through an annual golf tournament and concert along with business and corporate sponsorships.

Grant applications are now available for 2017 granting period. Local churches or organizations of the 10th District may apply for grants up to \$3,000 for projects that enhance the ministry of the local congregation or organization, property improvement, outreach ministry or general support. Students pursuing theological training may apply for grants up to \$1,000.

The total amount available each year will be dependent upon revenue generated from TenthFuture, Inc. sponsored events and the Board of Directors.

Grant applications this year are due June 1, 2017. All applications must be post marked, emailed or faxed stamped by the due date or they will be disqualified. The Grant Review Committee will consider each grant submitted. Grant awards will take place at the close of each annual conference.

Answers to questions such as: Who can apply? What information is needed? Who needs to sign? Where do I get an application and where do I send it is enclosed.

This is another exciting aspect of our **2020 Vision!** Let's work together for a bright future and hope for our church. Let's create opportunities for others to invest in the great things God is doing among us!

Yours in Christian Service,

Vashti Murphy McKenzie

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie

Episcopal Servant

Tenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church

TENTHFUTURE, INCORPORATED

2017 Grant Application

Please read the following information before completing the grant application.

What is TenthFuture, Inc.?

TENTHFUTURE, INCORPORATED (also hereto referred as “TenthFuture, Inc.” or simply “TenthFuture”) is a non-profit organization that represents the secular educational, economic, community development and outreach efforts. TENTHFUTURE, INCORPORATED seeks to identify new resources and to provide small grants to churches, organizations, and individuals who are eligible to apply.

How to find the Grant Application?

- 1) Go to our website: www.10thfuture.org;
- 2) Click on forms to **Download TenthFuture Grant Application**;
- 3) You must have a PDF Viewer installed on your computer (such as the “Adobe Reader” available free at <http://www.adobe.com/reader> to view/print the application.
- 4) Each Presiding Elder has applications.
- 5) Applications are available in the 10th District Office

Who can apply for TenthFuture, Inc. Grants?

TenthFuture, Inc. funds two different areas:

- 1) Proposals from A.M.E. Churches or Organizations in the 10th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church that demonstrate a plan or project with specific goals and a commitment to outreach, church growth, and community development.
- 2) Proposals from Clergy Students who are active in Board of Examiners and in the life of the 10th Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church who can demonstrate an ongoing effort to acquire new ministry skills through theological training.

What are the TenthFuture, Inc. Program Categories?

Priorities for Churches, Organizations, Clergy or Theological Students

- Assisting small, or rural churches or mid-size churches.
- Utilizing technology to improve communication and visibility of the Tenth Episcopal District
- Bridge Ministry
- Start-up funds for planting new congregations
- Creating shared learning opportunities for clergy and lay
- Developing young adult ministries
- Start-up funds for new ministries
- Leadership training and development
- Scholarships—Theological Training
- General Support – Property Improvement, Pew Repair, Bathroom Facilities, Bibles, Hymnals, Pant Repair, Etc.

What is the Application Deadline? **June 1, 2017** by mail, fax, or hand delivered (if by postal mail, must be postmarked *no later than* deadline date), with all applicable signatures (Pastor’s & Presiding Elder’s).

What is the Maximum Grant Award? **Up to \$3,000 for Churches/Organization and \$1,000 for theological studies**

Where should grant applications be submitted? 2017 TenthFuture, Inc. Grant Application Review Committee, 10th Episcopal District Office, 4347 South Hampton Rd, Suite 245, Dallas, Texas 75232.

GUIDELINES FOR AME CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS

If you have identified yourself as applying for a grant under the category of an A.M.E. Church and/or Organization in the 10th Episcopal District, you will need to complete this section of the application. Proposals must demonstrate a plan or project with specific goals and a commitment to outreach, church growth, and community development.

Deadline: June 1, 2017

Maximum Grant Request: Up to \$3,000.00

Review and Notification Process: All grant applications will be reviewed by the TenthFuture, Inc. Grant Review Committee prior to the start of the 2017 Annual Conference Series. Grant awards will be announced at the Annual Conference. Critiques of all proposals will be mailed at the end of all Annual Conferences

Directions for Completing the Grant Application:

Please use the following headings and respond completely to all parts of the question.

I. General Guidelines:

- The proposal is to be typed in 12-pt. Times New Roman.
- All text is double-spaced.
- All pages are to be numbered.
- All pages should have a 1"inch margin.
- Maximum number of pages is five (5).

II. Proposal Contents:

A. Grant Application Cover Sheet

B. Table of Contents (with page numbers and name on each page)

C. Description of the church or organization's request

- What work of the church is funding being requested?
- What are the goals and the objectives?
- What does the church or organization want to accomplish?
- How will the church or organization accomplish these objectives?
- When will the objectives be achieved? Include a timetable and a work plan for the year the grant is being requested?
- How will this work lead to systemic change in the church or organization?
- What have been recent activities, successes and experiences in this area?
- Are other churches or organizations joining together in this work? If so, describe.

D. Community Development and Social Change

- How is your work social change?
- What is the issue this grant would help you address?
- What is the underlying cause of this issue?
- How do you specifically plan to address it?

E. Evaluation Plan

- How will you know if this proposed project will be successful?
- What methods do you have or plan to put in place to evaluate change?

F. Financial Information

- Prepare a detailed budget outlining how requested funds will be used.
- Prepare a detailed church budget.
- Describe the church or organization's future plan that would enable you to continue to propose future activities.

GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUALS SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

If you have identified yourself as applying as an individual requesting scholarship support for theological training, a member of 10th Episcopal District and have applied or are attending an accredited institution, you will need to complete this section of the application. Proposals must demonstrate an ongoing effort to build new leadership through theological training.

Deadline: June 1, 2017

Maximum Grant Request: Up to \$1,000.00

Eligibility to apply for this Scholarship Support: Any member of 10th Episcopal District who has applied or is attending a theological program at an accredited institution is eligible to apply. Grant awards are made to individual students during annual conferences upon receipt of a letter of acceptance/transcript and registration/enrollment document for that current semester.

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C. Description the scholarship request

- Plans– Describe the theological training for which you are seeking funds, including goals and objectives?
- Timetable–When will the objectives be accomplished?
- How will you accomplish these objectives? Include a work plan for the year the grant is being requested?
- How will this work lead to systemic change?
- What have been recent activities, successes and experiences in this area?

D. Community Development and Social Change

- Describe your vision for building new leadership through theological training.

E. Evaluation Plan

- Applicant must maintain and submit documentation of not less than a 2.5 GPA in order to apply for additional support.
- What methods do you have or plan to put in place to evaluate change?

F. Financial Supportive Information

- Prepare a detailed budget outlining how requested funds will be used.

G. Documentation of School Enrollment including receipt of fall letter of acceptance/transcript and registration/enrollment document for that current semester.

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2017 GRANT APPLICATION

Please check one: Church/Organization Individual Theological Training

Name of Applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Church: _____ District: _____ Conference: _____

Total Request: _____ Total Church Budget: _____

Brief 200 word Abstract/Summary of Request:

Contact person: _____ Phone: _____

Pastor's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Presiding Elder's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date of Submission: _____

Office Use Only: Do not write in this section

Person Completing this section: _____

Date Reviewed: _____ Time Received: _____ Method Received: HD _____ Faxed _____ Mailed: _____