

Financial Assistance Available to Candidates in the Credentialing Program

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Please double-check as changes can happen without notice.

LREDA	<p>Credentialing Scholarships requests can be awarded at any time. They are reviewed as received. Critical that applicants read the scholarship priority and policies BEFORE you fill out the application. Once that's done, email the Credentialing Scholarship team.</p>
LREDA	<p>LREDA Renaissance Scholarships are budgeted at \$3,000 of to support members taking Renaissance Modules between July 2022 and June 2023 (this amount may change in any LREDA Budget year.) Learn more on the LREDA website and apply here. (<u>Please note</u>, this money is primary for professionals NOT in the credentialing program but see UUA Renaissance Scholarships).</p>
LREDA	<p>LREDA Fall Conference Scholarships are available each year. Information is found on the Fall Conference Registration pages of the LREDA website once they are posted. Apply early.</p>
LREDA	<p>LREDA General Assembly Professional Days offers reduced or waived registrations each year. Information is found on the Registration pages of the LREDA website once they are posted. Apply early.</p>
LREDA & Chapter Dues	<p>Thru to June 2023: Don't be shy and if your professional expenses do not support Full Membership Dues, pay the 50% reduced amount for those with limited professional expenses.</p> <p>Beginning July 2023: Full or partial waivers for annual dues are available to religious educators through its CARES fund. Contact Juliet Donaldson, Executive Director, LREDA</p> <p>Local LREDA Chapters generally have the same offer...ask.</p>
UUA	<p>Finding our Way Home Retreat for Religious Professionals of Color offers a "pay as you can" request option on the registration form. More information can be found here.</p>
UUA	<p>The Barbara Marshman and Ann B. Fields Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a religious educator serving a Unitarian Universalist congregation who is engaged in</p>

	graduate study. Minimum scholarship amount is \$1500. Application deadline is May 1. Fill out the online application .
UUA	Religious Education Continuing Education Grants of up to \$500 are available for religious educators engaged in professional development. Grants are awarded each year on a rolling basis until funds are fully disbursed. Fill out the online application . To read more click here .
UUA	All Renaissance Modules and nearly all UUA programming are now offered on a sliding scale down to \$0. Renaissance and other programs acknowledge the emotional labor required of BIPOC being in largely white spaces. BIPOC are urged to consider the emotional labor inherently necessary and adjust what they pay for these classes accordingly (some pay \$ 0 and that’s perfectly fine)! Mentors should also encourage this.
UUA	Funds to Attend General Assembly for those 35+ are available to anyone (Credentialing Candidate or not) wishing to attend General Assembly, in person or virtually. These awards are funded through the generosity of General Assembly registrants via donations made during registration. Requests for financial support are fulfilled on a first-come, first serve basis.
UUA	Funds to Attend General Assembly for those younger than 35+ are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Katie Tyson Fund & Davidoff Fund ● Financial Aid for Housing (available to those using UUA GA Housing) ● Travel Reimbursements <p>To read more click here or to talk with a UUA staffer in Lifespan Faith Engagement these options for youth and young adult funding to attend GA 2023 email yayaministry@uua.org.</p>

<p>UU Women’s Federation</p>	<p>Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Program provides direct financial support to aspirants or candidates to the Unitarian Universalist ministry, or candidates in the UUA’s religious education credentialing or music leadership certification programs, who identify a BIPOC woman. Scholarships are awarded twice a year (deadlines of May 1 and November 1). Awards are generally between \$2k-\$3K. Policies and application form are available on the UUWF website.</p>
<p>Fahs Collaborative</p>	<p>Beloved Conversations (BC) OR Finding our Way Home attendance (see above UUA program & funding) is required to meet the ARAOMC requirement for the credentialing program.</p> <p>BC Equity Note: Full and partial scholarships are available to those who need them. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. Please contact us at belovedconversations@meadville.edu before registering, to request a scholarship.</p> <p>*BC Reparations Note: White participants with the means to do so are encouraged to consider paying an additional \$50, in recognition of the historic legacy of racist economic policies and the ways in which generational wealth and greater access to economic opportunity have privileged white people as a group for hundreds of years. These extra funds will go towards supporting the program and providing scholarships to those who need them.</p> <p>**BC Interdependence Note: Regardless of your racial identity, if your class privilege and/or professional expense budget allows you to pay more so that others may pay less, please consider adding an additional contribution to your total. These extra funds will go towards supporting the program and providing scholarships to those who need them.</p>

<p>UU Adjacent or Affiliated Groups</p>	<p>Here again, if an affiliated UU group is sponsoring or holding an educational experience that meets the criteria for your credential but it's not listed here, and your professional expenses are inadequate, you are encouraged to ask if the fee can be reduced to a level you can pay. Yes, they can and may say no, but they may be able to work with you so that you are able to access that learning experience.</p>
<p>UU Adjacent and Affiliated Scholarships & Grants</p>	<p>There are other particular grants and scholarships noted here with more specificity based on what school you may attend and other monies for family members of religious educators (some of these may or may not be available to those seeking credentialing but for credentialed religious educators only).</p>
<p>Your Congregation</p>	<p>Religious Professionals can sometimes access funds to attend General Assembly or other Workshops/Retreats/Conferences (appropriate for seeking a Credential) from funds budgeted generally in their congregation. When the call goes out for a congregation to send Delegates, raise your hand especially if it is accompanied by funds of any amount.</p> <p>Asking the other professionals that you serve with in your congregation to access any available funds (you may not be aware of) to attend trainings (if professional expenses are inadequate) is strongly recommended.</p> <p>Share information with them about the LREDA & UUA recommended professional expense amounts as well as any grant or scholarship monies you receive. Offering to share the learning with the congregation in some way can also be helpful.</p>