

Thirteenth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church
BELIEVE, INCORPORATED
2010 Grant Application

Please read the following information before completing the grant application.

What is Believe, Incorporated?

BELIEVE, INCORPORATED (also hereto referred as “Believe, Inc.” or simply “Believe”) is a non-profit organization that represents the secular educational, economic, community development and outreach efforts. BELIEVE, 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?

- 3) Go to our website: www.believeinc.org ; 2) Click on **Download Grant Application** on the menu bar ; 3) You must have a PDF Viewer (such as the “Adobe Reader” available free at www.adobe.com/reader) installed on your computer to view/print the application.

Who can apply for Believe Grants? Believe, Inc. fund two different areas

1. Proposals from A.M.E. Churches or Organizations that demonstrate a plan or project with specific goals and a commitment to outreach, church growth, and community development.
2. Proposals from individuals who can demonstrate an ongoing effort to build new leadership through theological training.

What are the two Believe, Inc. Program Categories?

Priorities for Churches or Organizations within the church

- Assisting small and rural churches
- Utilizing technology to improve communication and visibility of the Thirteenth Episcopal District
- Assisting the work of the Nehemiah Nation
- Start-up funds for planting new congregations

Priorities for Individuals

- 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.

What is the Application Deadline? Postmarked no later than June 1, 2010 by fax or hand delivered

What is the Maximum Grant Award? \$1,000

Where should grant applications be submitted? 2010 Believe, Inc. Grant Application Review Committee, 13th Episcopal District Office, 500 Eighth Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203

GUIDELINES FOR AME CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS

If you have identified yourself as applying for a grant under the category of an AME Church and Organization in the 13th 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, 2010

Maximum Grant Request: \$1,000.

Review and Notification Process: All grant applications will be reviewed by the Believe, Inc. Grant Review Committee prior to the 13th Episcopal District Leadership Congress. Final recommendations for awards will be made presented at the District Leadership Congress for approval by the Believe, Inc. Board of Directors. 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:

- A. The proposal is to be typed in 12-pt. Times New Roman
- B. All text is double-space
- C. All pages are to be numbered.
- D. All pages should have a 1" inch margin.
- E. 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 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 time table 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 plan 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 proposed future activities

GUIDELINES FOR INDIVIDUALS SCHOLARSHIPS SUPPORT FOR THEOLOGICAL TRAINING

If you have identified yourself as applying as an individual requesting scholarship support for theological training, a member of 13th 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, 2010

Maximum Grant Request: \$1,000.

Eligibility to apply for this Scholarship Support: Any member of 13th Episcopal District who has applied or is attending 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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I. 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?

J. Community Development and Social Change

- Describe your vision for building new leadership through theological training

K. 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 plan to evaluate change?

L. Financial Supportive Information

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

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