

# 2020/2021 Guidelines for Seminararians

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## *Procedure for Seminararians Seeking Scholarship Assistance and Ordination*

If you are a member of a Samuel Stillman Association church and have entered seminary, you should request of your church the granting of a pre-ordination license. **This should be requested while a first year seminarian.**

Upon receiving a pre-ordination license, you should contact the Samuel Stillman Association Chairperson of the Committee on Ordained Ministry, Rev. Dr. Scott Arnold, to schedule an initial interview with a representative of the committee. You will receive a package outlining our denominational and association requirements and processes for ordination which will enable you to fulfill the requirements concurrently with your seminary training.

The churches of the Samuel Stillman Association want to support your professional pursuit of serving our Lord. The Executive Committee has voted to pay up to \$350.00 on the required standard pre-ordination evaluation of the Center for Ministry and Career Development. It is our hope that you and your supporting church will each pay the balance. You may also substitute CPE evaluation for this requirement (information may be obtained at the initial interview.)

If you choose to go through the Center and want to receive the grant from Samuel Stillman, you (1) must be a member of a Samuel Stillman church, (2) have a pre-ordination license, and (3) have met with the Samuel Stillman Committee on Ordained Ministry for the initial interview. When you begin to make plans to go to the Center, contact the Clerk of the association prior to your evaluation so that our Executive Committee may release the funds and notify the Center of our intent to do so. We need prior notice to assure funding availability.

If you have additional questions, contact the Samuel Stillman Association's chairperson of the Committee on Ordained Ministry, TBD or the clerk, TBD.

### **Note to Pastor: If you have a seminarian in your church....**

- 1. read this entire handout,**
- 2. pass it on to your seminarian, and**
- 3. remember: it is only your church's granting of the pre-ordination license that triggers the process for ordination. Please make sure your seminarian has a pre-ordination license and all the appropriate committees notified.**

# Application for Scholarship

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*Samuel Stillman Association of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Program Enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

Full-time Student: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_:

If Part-time, indicate the percentage of time as compared to a full-time student at your seminary \_\_\_\_\_%

Date \_\_\_\_\_ and place \_\_\_\_\_ pre-ordination license was issued.

Are you called to the Parish Ministry? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_:

If yes, indicate your goal for your first assignment after graduation and ordination:

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Name, address, and denominational affiliation of church of which you are a member:

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Note: Many churches are affiliated with more than one convention. (Indicate all affiliations.)

Name and address of the Samuel Stillman Association church where you are attending and in which you are assisting: \_\_\_\_\_

Position or duties that you are assisting with: \_\_\_\_\_

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Pastor's name and address of the Samuel Stillman Association church:

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Have a one-page letter of recommendation signed by the pastor and have the pastor mail it to the clerk (TBD) of the association.