The Solomon Cramer Fund is established to provide scholarships for youth to attend conference camp experiences. The deadline for submission is March 1, 2019. All approved grant projects must be completed by December 31, 2019.

The current goals of the grant portion of the Legacy of Leadership Fund are to:

In order to maximize the impact of scholarships for youth to attend Conference related camps, the funds will be distributed to Conferences for them to use for scholarships rather than directly to individuals. The recommended priorities of the scholarship grants will be for camp experiences that focus on one or more of the following dimensions.

1. Minister with Youth Living in Poverty
2. Intentionally Develop Young People for Spiritual Leadership and/or Leadership within Camp Retreat Ministry
3. Collaborate with Faith Communities Engaged in Vital Congregation and New Faith Community Processes of their Annual Conference
4. Expand Opportunities for Youth from Underserved Ethnic Populations to Participate and Lead

Special consideration will be given to Conference Camp and Retreat Ministries or groups collaborating with their conference camp retreat ministries to launch new programs and opportunities related to the priorities above. Grants may also be given to existing programs that are adding new components that engage youth in ways directly related to the priorities of the fund.

The funds received by a Conference must be used solely as scholarships for youth to attend the specific camp experiences outlined in their application for the scholarship grant.

Each applicant for a grant must submit the official application form and complete an evaluation within 30 days of the completion of the project for which the funds are granted, if approved. You must complete and return the evaluation form to be eligible for future grants.

Return completed application to: Legacy of Leadership Grant Request
Camp Retreat Ministry Office – Discipleship Ministries
C/O Patrice Rullo
PO Box 340003
Nashville, TN 37203-0003

Or forms may be sent by email – please send a copy to all three email addresses below: prullo@umcdiscipleship.org, jeff.parsons@umcrm.org AND jen.burch@umcrm.org

For Questions Contact: Jen Burch - jen.burch@umcrm.org or Jeff Parsons - jeff.parsons@umcrm.org
Grants proposals will be evaluated on their direct application to the priorities of the fund. Grant requests that are approved may or may not receive full funding depending upon the amount of funds available in a given year and the need to fund multiple requests. It is not intended that a grant from this fund will cover 100% of the cost, but assist with other funding sources to enable attendance.

Some Important Considerations As You Prepare Your Application:

1. We generally have about $25,000 to distribute annually.
2. Grants are usually in the $500-$3,500 range so that the most number of applicants can be assisted.
3. Use these funds to challenge local donors. Applications that consider a Solomon Cramer Award to be a “challenge” or “matching funds” are looked upon favorably. In other words, we are not likely to be the total source of funding for you.
4. When possible, the grant committee seeks to use the Solomon Cramer Grants to leverage the ministry goals of the UMCRM in developing leaders especially within (among) currently under-served and under-represented ethnic populations. Therefore, a way to follow up on identified leaders at camp is very important. Successful applicants minimally agree to forward names and contact information of identified leaders so they may be added to UMCRM’s S’more Mail and made aware of regional and national training and educational opportunities and leadership scholarships.

Solomon Cramer Fund Application

a. Please indicate here the amount of grant assistance you are requesting:

b. Please indicate here the total cost of the project or initiative:

c. Please, attach a budget showing all funding sources and expenses.
Full Name of the Contact Person Completing the Application:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Home phone: Work phone:

Cell phone: E-mail:

Name of the Organization Sponsoring the Project and Requesting the Grant:

Street Address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Home phone: Work phone:

Cell phone: E-mail:

What Conference UM Methodist Camp and Retreat Ministry are you connected with?

Camp Retreat Ministry Contact: (Name, position, phone, email)

Please, complete the requested information on this request form attaching additional sheets as necessary.

- The Purpose of the Initiative and Specific Outcomes that will be Measured: (attach a separate page if additional space is needed)

- Describe Elements of Initiative (What will be done and included in the experience):
• The Dates and Locations Where the Initiative Will Take Place:

• Describe the Target Audience:

• Other Information You Would Like to Add for Consideration (Please add additional sheets. The more detailed information provided the more the selection team has to evaluate the proposal on):

• The # of participants this request will enable to attend Conference related Camp Experiences: ____

The information I have provided is true and accurate. If the grant application is approved, I agree to notify the Camp Retreat Ministry Office of Discipleship Ministries upon completion of initiative that the grant funding was approved for by completing and sending in the attached, required evaluation form within 30 days. If the project does not happen, our organization agrees to refund the grant in full to Discipleship Ministries. If there are funds from the grant remaining upon completion of the project, we agree to return the unused portion.

Applicant’s Signature _____________________________ Date ____________________

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Solomon Cramer Fund Grant Evaluation

Full Name of the Contact Person from the Organization Receiving the Grant:

Street Address:

City:         State:   Zip Code:

Home phone:       Work phone:

Cell phone:       E-mail:

The Name and Dates of the Initiative that Received Funding:

Describe the Intended Outcomes of the Project and include Evaluation of How Effectively Those Outcomes Where Achieved. (attach a separate sheet if needed)

How many persons were able to attend camp experiences through this grant? ___________

What were the racial ethnic backgrounds of those receiving scholarship support? Please, indicate the number of persons in each racial ethnic category.

Hispanic Latino  _____  Black or African American  _____
Asia  _____  American Indian or Native Alaskan  _____
White or Anglo  _____  Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian  _____
Other  _____

Write a Message of Thanks here describing why this grant was important and how it benefited those you serve (you may use the back of the sheet for additional space to write)
Please list the names and contact information (emails) who you identify as up and coming or leaders in your ministry. We will make sure they are connected to United Methodist Camping and Retreat Association through our S’more Newsletter which will include future training events and information about the United Methodist Camping and Retreat Ministries throughout the denomination.

Please return this form to: Legacy of Leadership Scholarship Evaluation
Camp Retreat Ministry Office – Discipleship Ministries
PO Box 340003
Nashville, TN 37203-0003
530-263-6751

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