

**13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church**

**BELIEVE, INCORPORATED**

**2025 Theology and Technology Grant Application**

Please read the following information before completing the Grant Application (hereinafter referred to as “Application”)

**What is Believe, Incorporated?**

Believe, Incorporated (hereinafter referred to as “Believe, Inc.” or “Believe”) is a nonprofit organization that represents the secular, educational, economic, community development, and outreach efforts. Believe, Inc. seeks to identify resources to provide grants to Theology and Technology students.

**How to Find the Grant Application:**

1. Go to our website: [www.believeinc.net](http://www.believeinc.net);
2. Click on “Download Grant Application” on the menu bar.  
Note: you must have a PDF Viewer installed on your computer (such as “Adobe Reader”  
<http://www.adobe.com/reader>) available free to view/print the Application.

**Who Can Apply for Believe, Inc. Grants?**

Believe, Inc. Funds: Theology and Technology

Individuals who are active members of a local church in the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Church, who can demonstrate an ongoing effort to build new leadership through theological or technology training.

If you have applied for or been awarded another grant from the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District this fiscal year, please attach a brief summary with the Application.

**Believe, Inc. Program Categories:**

Priorities for Individuals

- a. Creating shared learning opportunities for clergy and lay
- b. Scholarships for theological training
- c. Scholarships for designated technology fields of study
- d. Utilizing technology to improve communication and visibility of the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District

**What is the Application Deadline?**

Monday, June 30, 2025 by mail (must be postmarked no later than the deadline date), fax, or hand-delivered, with all applicable signatures (Pastor’s and Presiding Elder’s)

**What is the Minimum Grant Award? \$1,000.00**

**Where Should Grant Applications be Submitted?**

Applications should be submitted to Believe, Inc. Scholarship Review Committee, 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District Office, Suite 210, 900 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37212. Email confirmation of grant submission and mail date sent to **“13thbelieve@gmail.com. Attention; Ramona D. Young, Scholarship Review Chairperson.**

**BELIEVE, INCORPORATED 2025  
THEOLOGY AND TECHNOLOGY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

Please check one: ☐ Technology Training ☐ Theological Training

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ Conference: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Summary of Request (Please limit to 100 words)

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT FOR TECHNOLOGY AND THEOLOGICAL**

If you have identified yourself as applying as an individual requesting scholarship support for technology or theological training, a member of the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District and have applied or are attending an accredited institution, you will need to complete this section of the Application.

**Application Deadline:** Monday, June 30, 2025    **Minimum Grant Request:** \$1,000.00

### **Apply for this Scholarship Support:**

Any member of the 13<sup>th</sup> Episcopal District who has applied to or is attending a theological or technology 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.

### **Review and Notification Process**

All grant applications will be reviewed by the Grant Review Scholarship Committee. Final recommendations for awards will be made by the Believe, Inc. Board of Directors and the Grant awards will be announced at the 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 to be 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. Description of the Scholarship Request**

- Educational Program – describe the technology or theological training program for which you plan to attend or are attending and indicate what degree you are seeking.
- Describe your plans and timeline for completing your degree.
- **Theology students.** Describe your status in the A.M.E. Board of Examiners Program and how obtaining this degree will assist you in your theological progress.
- **Technology students.** Identify your major and type of program (Certificate, Associate, Bachelor)

##### **C. Financial Supportive Information**

- Provide a detailed budget, including total cost per semester for tuition and other fees.
- Indicate your projected cost per semester and if you are receiving any financial assistance from the school.
- Describe how you plan to use the requested funds.

##### **D. Documentation of School Enrollment**

- Submit Letter of Acceptance from the college of choice.
- Proof of intent to enroll in Spring, Summer or Fall 2026
- Submit a copy of the most recent transcript. The applicant must have at least a 2.5 undergraduate GPA and 3.0 graduate GPA.