

1RESOLUTION NO. 2010-

A RESOLUTION OF THE FLORIDA-BAHAMAS  
SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION (FL-BA SWO)  
PERTAINING TO AWARDING SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS; AND  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**WHEREAS**, the Florida-Bahamas Synodical Women's Organization established a scholarship fund with the Fund for Leaders in Mission; and

**WHEREAS**, our mission is to mobilize women to act boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the rules of the Fund for Leaders in Mission, the scholarship must be awarded to a student in the candidacy process, attending one of the eight ELCA seminaries and be either in the Master of Divinity (M. DIV) or Master of Arts (MA) program; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to foster leadership in our church; and

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FLORIDA-BAHAMAS SYNODICAL WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION:**

1. That an application be completed by students seeking the scholarship or be developed by a committee appointed at this Fall Gathering. This application will be posted on the FL-BA SWO website with a submission deadline of July 15 each year.

2. The scholarship shall be awarded by the decision of the FL-BA SWO board at their summer board meeting using the following criteria:

- A student in the candidacy process, attending one of the eight ELCA seminaries and be either in the M. DIV or MA program.
- Preference will be given to residents of the Florida-Bahamas Synod
- Preference will be given to female applicants
- Preference will be given to an active member of a congregational unit
- The chosen applicant should exhibit faith qualities that empower others
- The chosen applicant will be one who demonstrates leadership qualities in church and the community

3. The scholarship will be awarded in two increments (September and January) according to

the rules of the Fund for Leaders in Mission.

4. The selected candidate will be invited to attend the annual Fall Gathering of the FL-BA SWO.

5. That an application be developed by a committee appointed at this Fall Gathering. This application will be posted on the FL-BA website by April 1. This application will be completed by students seeking the scholarship with a submission deadline of July 15 each year.

This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.