

Logistics

Can I be married and do a residency? Yes

Can I leave my family at home and move to Southwest Harbor by myself for the residency? No. Because of the duration of our residency, we believe that it would be unwise and detrimental to your marriage which takes priority over ministry.

I'm not sure I want to be a pastor. Can I still do the residency? We would discourage someone from applying. This residency is for those men who feel a calling into the ministry in Maine.

Applying

When should I apply? Since our residency is a two-year cycle and has no set starting and ending date, please contact Pastor Blake Brown by email as to when the next residency is available at bbrown@swhcc.com.

Is the SWHCC open to women? Because the residency is for those feeling a call to serving in pastoral ministry, we do not provide residencies for women.

Where should I be in my education before doing the residency? A college degree is preferred for resident candidates, however, we do not demand that an intern has any formal theological training.

Intern Life

Is a stipend provided for the interns? Each Resident receives a stipend of \$40,000/year to cover all living expenses. Health insurance is left to the resident's family throughout the duration of the residency.

What is the intern housing like? A 3-bedroom house is provided (2,300 s.f.). The resident pays for utilities only.

Will I be able to work while doing the residency? The intern program is a full-time commitment. The idea behind providing a stipend and housing is that residents are then freed from outside working of the church and can spend their time honing their pastoral sensibilities. However, spouses have supplemented with part-time income.

Can I survive on \$40,000 in Maine? We recognize that the stipend is fairly modest, but one can and many do live on that and less in Maine.

Where can I send my children to school during the residency? Residents are free to choose whichever educational option is best for their children, which include public schools, a Classical Christian School in the area ([Mirus Academy](#)), or home schooling.

Where does vacation fit in with the residency? The intern will have three weeks of paid vacation every year.

How are interns involved in the church? Interns are heavily involved in various ministries of the church as desire, passion and giftedness allow.

What are the expectations for fundraising? It is expected that the resident will begin fundraising from day one. Some have even started before they arrive! It is expected that the intern will raise approximately half of their expected income once they leave the residency. That usually equates to approximately \$30,000 per year (\$2,500/month) in fundraising.

What helps will I be given in fundraising? SWHCC has some connections with fundraising coaches as well as connections with organizations that have resources to help the residents. However, this is part of the residency, so it is expected that the resident will be a self-starter in this area.