

The Society for the Increase of the Ministry

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Guidelines for Granting Scholarship Aid For Persons Attending One of the Following Theological Seminaries of the Episcopal Church:

Berkeley Divinity School
Bexley Hall
Church Divinity School of the Pacific
Episcopal Divinity School
Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest
General Theological Seminary

Nashotah House
School of Theology, University of the
South
Seabury-Western Theological Seminary
Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry
Virginia Theological Seminary

Criteria

1. Grants are made to full-time M.Div. students who are postulants and candidates for holy orders in the Episcopal Church in the United States of America.
2. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. The applicant's bishop or ecclesiastical authority and the financial aid officer of the applicant's seminary must attest to this need.
3. The minimum grant is \$1,500. Grants generally do not exceed \$2,500.
4. A scholarship recipient whose canonical status changes, or who withdraws from seminary, or whose financial circumstances change significantly, or who decides to take an intern year or a leave of absence after a grant has been made, must notify the SIM office promptly, in writing, to determine his/her continuing support.
5. Recipients of SIM scholarships must re-apply if they are Juniors or Middlers.
6. First time applicants who will be Middlers or Seniors will be given preference over incoming Juniors.
7. The Society's grants are made without regard to race, gender, age, nationality, or marital status of the applicant.

Procedure in Applying

1. Consult the financial aid officer of the seminary you are attending. **Application forms are only available from that person and can be obtained after January 1st for consideration for the following academic year.**
2. Completed applications, including the required letters of recommendation (Form A only) essay and résumé, must be returned by **March 1st** to the financial aid office (**NOT directly to SIM**). Applications endorsed by the financial aid officer are due in the SIM office **March 15th**.
3. If it is necessary to communicate with the Scholarship Director, please do so in writing.

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for reviewing all applications and for determining the recipients and the amount of each grant. While SIM grants are separate and independent of any aid provided by the seminary, certain data and information, not confidential, is shared by the seminary with SIM. This includes letters of recommendation and financial guidelines determined by the seminary that reflect local area conditions, such as cost of living, housing costs and availability.