

## HOW TO APPLY FOR A 2019-20 SIM SCHOLARSHIP

Questions? Contact us at [info@simministry.org](mailto:info@simministry.org) or 212-661-4270

Before you apply, please be aware:

All scholarship funds from SIM are directly applied to a seminarian's tuition and scholastic expenses **only**, and will be forwarded directly to a student's respective seminary.

SIM does **not** fund ministry projects. Ministry project funds for seminarians are available through the Episcopal Evangelism Society ([EES](#)) and United Thank Offering ([UTO](#)) through their grants web pages.

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### GET STARTED

- 1 Complete and submit the [Personal and Financial information](#) form online.
- 2 Download the Applicant & Seminary Certification form.  
*A link to this form will be emailed to you when we receive your submission from Step 1.*
- 3 Print the completed Personal and Financial Information form and the Applicant & Seminary Certification and **deliver both** to your seminary financial aid office so they can review your information and complete the Certification. *These constitute a confirmation of your admission and an endorsement of your financial information.*

### WRITE YOUR ESSAY(S)

Choose the [essay question\(s\)](#) for the appropriate scholarship(s) you'll be applying for. You may apply for **any or all** of the [scholarships](#) we offer. Essays must be no more than 1250 words.

### GATHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have received the Certification from your seminary, and completed your essay(s), gather, scan, and upload the following materials:

- Completed Applicant and Seminary Certification
- Your completed Personal and Financial Information
- Your essay(s)
- Copy of most recent original transcript (submitted by applicant or direct to SIM on your behalf)
- 2 letters of reference
- Bishop's Letter, endorsing your postulancy and seminary course of studies (Students at non-Episcopal seminaries also need a Bishop's approval for their course of studies).
- Resume

## **SIM SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Merit Scholarship** SIM stands for The Society for the Increase of the Ministry. Tell a story about a time when you witnessed and/or participated in a flourishing of Jesus's active presence in the world. How did this experience deepen your theological understanding of ministry and transform or shape you and your vocation?

**Becoming Beloved Community Scholarship** Offer the committee your vision of where the church has a vital opportunity to respond to God's longing for justice and reconciliation in the world. Please tell us what led you to this insight, and what you plan to do to help the church realize the opportunity that you perceive.

**Named Scholarship** What one word expresses how you most deeply partner with God in mission or service? Please elaborate with personal stories, theological reflection, Biblical interpretation, or hopes for God's future.

**About Your Essay:** Since it is impractical for SIM to conduct an interview with every applicant, we look to the essay both to demonstrate each applicant's competence in communication and to better understand them as future leaders of the church. A command of language and structuring of argument will be helpful to our Scholarship Committee deliberations. We ask that you make the effort to write something new in response to the descriptions. Re-cycled sermons, CPE verbatims, essays prepared as a part of your diocesan discernment processes, or statements of vocational discernment are not what we seek. Please remember that an essay is required each time you make application to SIM. Please number the pages of your essay and identify yourself and the question you are answering at the top of each page. Please do not exceed 1250 words.

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