



General Information A Student Needs to Know Before Applying

Scholarship Program - Description

As a result of bequests, The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church (DFMS) makes available a modest number of scholarships that assist students primarily enrolled in theological education and specialized training. Funding for the program is derived from annual dividends of designated trust funds established by generous donors. Several other trusts benefit children of current and former missionaries.

Currently there are forty-five trust funds available for scholarships. The oldest scholarship trust fund, The Mary E. Hinman Fund, was established in 1879.

The program is administered by a Scholarship Committee composed of a Member of Executive Council, a member of the church at large, the Canon of the Presiding Bishop staff for Ministry within The Episcopal Church; the Director of Human Resources; and representatives from various ministries at The Episcopal Church and the Treasurer's Office. The Scholarship Committee meets once a year in the spring to review applications and award scholarships.

Prior to the Scholarship Committee meeting, Sub Committees meet and make their respective selections. Sub Committees consist of the missioner and other selected people for each ministry involved (e.g., Black, Asian, Native American and other).

Award Amount

Awards are made in accordance with the criteria established for each trust fund and after a thorough review of the applicant's financial need.

- Typical awards range between \$1,000 and \$10,000 per year.
- Awards may be granted annually up to four years for post-secondary education.
- Awards may be granted beyond the four-year limit for children of active missionaries and for seminarians in specialized training.

Submission deadline

- Online applications must be complete and submitted by April 15th, 2024 for the next academic year.
- Supporting documents can be uploaded with the application or e-mailed to Ann Hercules at ahercules@episcopalchurch.org.

The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States of America

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Who may apply?

- **Episcopalians only.** Episcopalian is defined as a baptized Christian, confirmed or received, and an active member of the Episcopal Church. Please provide a written confirmation from your parish, identifying the name of the diocese and diocesan bishop.
- <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/index.htm> ;
- Full-time students and part-time students enrolled in a degree program or equivalent certificate program at an accredited, post-secondary institution; and
- Applicants who are supported by written confirmation with the following endorsement;

Applicant	Supporting Authority
Seminarian	Episcopal Bishop
Clergy	Episcopal Bishop
Children of missionary	Episcopal Bishop and the Mission Personnel Officer
Post-Secondary School Students	Episcopal Bishop Tribal Council and Missioner (for Native Americans only)
Foreign Students	Bishops affiliated with the DFMS

- Children of missionaries - **Missionaries** are defined as those sent by DFMS Office of Mission Personnel (and include children of YASCers); and
- Applicants who meet the criteria of one or more trust funds. (Refer to the Scholarship Trust Fund list. **If there is no matching trust fund, there cannot be an award**).
- Children of Executive Council members or DFMS employees meeting the above criteria, so long as the Council member or the DFMS employee submits a Conflict of Interest statement that is approved by DFMS Legal Counsel.
- **Please note the following for dioceses of The Episcopal Church:** Applicant understands that should its local diocese fail to pay its assessment in full or to apply for and receive a waiver, the diocese and the applicant shall be ineligible to receive grants or loans from the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unless approved by Executive Council. In accordance with Canon I.4.6, (select the applicable response): The diocese pays its full assessment; The diocese has been granted a waiver for years (list); The diocese has made application for a waiver but has not been advised regarding a determination



What costs does the award cover?

- Educational cost is defined as: tuition, room and board (or mortgage, only if the student is currently living in the mortgaged property). The amount supported by the trust fund may not exceed the cost of housing at the seminary for the appropriate family size), health insurance, fees, and books.
- Funds made available by the DFMS are intended to supplement all other financial aid or financial assets available to the applicant; they are not intended as a substitute for any financial aid available from the educational institution.

Please Note:

- *Scholarships are awarded in amounts up to \$10,000 per academic year.*
- *Scholarship award amounts are final upon committee approval.*
- *Because scholarship funds are limited, there will be no case review for increase in awarded amounts.*
- *Scholarships may be awarded up to 4 times subject to availability of trust fund income.*
- *Scholarships are not renewed automatically every year.*
- *For each scholarship year, the applicant must submit a new application form with all required documentation.*
- *The submission of an application does not guarantee an award.*

