

Disciples Seminary Foundation

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DSF Mission Statement

In covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and in cooperation with ecumenical and educational partners, Disciples Seminary Foundation serves God through the formation and support of emerging theological leaders for diverse Christian communities.

Disciples Seminary Foundation supports the preparation of individuals for leadership in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and/or the United Church of Christ, educating some for professional ministry and others for teaching and research in religion. Since its founding in 1960, DSF has maintained a tradition of social and academic connections that can contribute to each student's personal and professional development.

DSF scholarship recipients are selected by the Education Committee of DSF in consultation with the President based on the criteria listed below. The person must be admitted to a graduate degree program at one of DSF partner schools or affiliate institutions¹. DSF works closely with its partners regarding admissions, financial aid, academic policies, and other related concerns.

DSF scholarships are governed by its General Scholarship Policy. DSF scholarship recipients are selected based on the following criteria:

1. The applicant must be admitted to a graduate degree program at one of the DSF partner schools or affiliate institutions.
2. The applicant must be affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or the United Church of Christ.

Once awarded, a DSF scholarship student must:

- a) Achieve and maintain the status of "student in good standing" at the partner school and make satisfactory academic progress toward the fulfillment of degree requirements
- b) Participate in the life of the church through events and/or activities supported by the DSF community, a local Disciples/UCC congregation, region/conference, and/or general/national church expression

I hereby apply to be a recipient of a scholarship from Disciples Seminary Foundation.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please submit this application by May 15, 2023 to Jess Kim at: jkim@dsf.edu.

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APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP

Biographical Information

Name _____
(FIRST) (MIDDLE) (LAST)

Mailing address _____

E-mail Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Alt. Telephone _____

Permanent address _____

Date of Birth _____

Gender: __M __F __Non-Binary Preferred Pronouns _____

Degree Sought

- Master of Arts in Religion (MA) or Master of Theological Studies (MTS)
- Master of Divinity (M.Div.)
- Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.)
- Ph.D. – Area of study _____

Educational Experience

List in chronological order all colleges and universities attended:

<i>Name of Institution</i>	<i>Dates attended</i>	<i>Major</i>	<i>Degree & Year</i>
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Denominational Affiliation

In what congregation is your present membership? _____

Are you an ordained _____ or licensed _____ minister of the Christian Church or United Church of Christ?

Are you presently under care as a candidate for the order of ministry? If so, with which Region/Conference?

Essay Questions

Please write a brief essay (2 pages) on two of the following topics:

1. Your interest in the study of religion and/or theological education. For example, what ideas, aspirations, and motivations have informed your decision to pursue graduate studies in religion and/or professional preparation for ministry?
2. Your academic and professional objectives in applying to be a DSF scholarship recipient.
3. The character of your affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or the United Church of Christ, including any leadership responsibilities you have assumed in local congregation(s), regional/conference or general/national church organizations, or in ecumenical or global settings.

Letters of Support

Please provide three letters of support from your congregational minister, regional/conference minister, and a college professor, dean, or someone related to higher education. The letters from the congregational and regional ministers should be able to speak to your affiliation with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or the United Church of Christ and address your character and abilities in relation to your vocational objectives. The letter from a college professor or dean should address your academic ability and promise for graduate education.

Financial Data

Are there additional financial resources that might be available to you during your studies?

Do you have any outstanding indebtedness? Y N (Please select one)

If so, how much, when payable, and what are your facilities for repayment?

Is anyone at present financially dependent upon you? Y N (Please select one)

If so, what is the extent and character of your obligation?

ⁱ DSF partner schools and affiliate institutions include: Claremont School of Theology, Iliff School of Theology, Pacific School of Religion, and the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley.