

Disciples Seminary Foundation

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The mission of the Disciples Seminary Foundation (DSF) is to support the formation of emerging theological leaders. We do this in cooperation with ecumenical and education partners, by providing financial and educational support to Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ students in obtaining theological education in preparation for a variety of ministries.

DSF scholarship recipients are selected by the Executive Director based on the criteria listed below. When appropriate, the Executive Director may consult with staff and/or the Education and Resources Committee to assist in finalizing the award. The person must be admitted to a graduate degree program at one of the 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 or UCC congregation, DOC region or UCC conference, and/or general or national church expression

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

Signed _____ Date _____

Please submit this application to Jess Kim at: jkim@dsf.edu.

¹ 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.

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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 Personal 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 maximum) 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; one from your congregational minister, one from your regional /conference minister, and one from a college professor, dean, or someone related to higher education. The letters from the congregational and regional or conference 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 debts? 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?
