



GULF COAST SYNOD LIVE ON SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

Master of Divinity Candidates

- Active candidates of the Gulf Coast Synod making progress toward graduation as a resident or non-resident student at an ELCA seminary.
- Non-resident candidates must take at least two courses per each Fall and Spring semester (half of full time resident requirement) plus required on-campus courses.
- Those attending non-ELCA seminaries may apply, but priority will be given to students attending ELCA schools. Students of non-ELCA seminaries who affiliate with an ELCA seminary may seek funding for their ELCA coursework.

Deacon & TEEM Candidates

- Active candidates of the Gulf Coast Synod making progress toward program requirements at an ELCA seminary.

ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Tuition: 100% of tuition (excluding fees) charged by Lutheran Seminaries (approx. \$19,000/yr)
- Books: Allowance of \$100 per class. (\$500 cap per semester)
- Travel: Allowance of \$300 per semester
- Housing: Allowance of \$300 per semester

NON-ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

- Fees: Examples are student fees, technology fees, continuing relations fee, affiliation fee, and graduation fee.
- Misc. expenses: Examples are food, clothing, insurance, wireless & internet, medical, recreational, and personal.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications must be received **NO LATER THAN:**

- Fall Scholarship deadline is October 1. Fall includes fall semester and "January" term.
- Spring Scholarship deadline is March 1. Spring includes spring semester and summer term.
- Quarterly program candidates may work out filing on a quarterly basis.

Applications must include an itemized list of courses taken with hours for each together with tuition.

Estimated cost of books, travel, and housing are no longer required.

Applications must include grants received from ELCA Fund for Leaders, seminary, and congregation.

Gifts from other sources and personal contributions are no longer required.

No late applications will be accepted

SCHOLARSHIP PAYMENTS

Scholarship Grants including books, travel, and housing will be paid directly to the seminary in the candidate's name. The candidate may request return of money left in the account if expenses for books, travel, or housing were not paid out of the seminary account.

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