

# Scholarship Guide

This guide contains a detailed listing of all scholarship funds offered through Denver Seminary. Unless otherwise stated, all awards require the applicant to be accepted into a degree program, be registered full-time, and maintain satisfactory academic progress (*a minimum 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average*).

## Application

This guide is designed to be an informational supplement to the *Scholarship Application*, which fulfills application requirements for all listed scholarships. To apply for scholarships, complete and submit the online application at [www.denverseminary.edu/admissions/financial-aid/apply-for-aid/](http://www.denverseminary.edu/admissions/financial-aid/apply-for-aid/)

## Definitions

**Continuing student** 2nd year (25+ credits) and 3rd year (51+ credits) students

**Cumulative GPA** aggregate Grade Point Average

**FAFSA** Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov))

**First-year student** students in their first academic year of enrollment

**Full-time enrollment** minimum of 9 semester credits master's level, 3 semester credit doctorate level

**Good academic standing** minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA

**Half-time enrollment** minimum of 5 semester credits master's level, 2 semester credit doctorate level

**High academic achievement** students with stronger GPAs are given priority

**Incoming student** prospective students who have not yet taken any classes

**MA** Master of Arts degree

**MDiv** Master of Divinity degree

**Not automatically renewable** recipients will need to reapply annually to be reconsidered for that award each following academic year

**Not renewable** recipients are not eligible for that specific scholarship the next year, but will receive priority for other scholarships if they reapply annually

**Renewable** recipients will continue to receive the scholarship as long as its specific requirements (i.e. GPA, enrollment status, etc.) are maintained

## Categories

All scholarships, grants and tuition discounts have been divided into the following categories (*electronic form contains links*):

1. Master's-level US Citizens/Residents: *Academic Program* *Ministry & Leadership* *Merit* *Diversity* *Financial Need*
2. Doctor of Ministry Students
3. International Students

## Academic Program

*The following scholarships are for master's-level US citizens/residents, based primarily on the applicant's academic program of study*

**General Counseling Scholarship** *\$2,000 - \$5,000 per year* *renewable*

For Counseling students who demonstrate financial need.

**Shepherd's Heart Counseling Scholarship** *\$3,000 per year* *renewable*

For Counseling students who are the parents of at least one child.

*Not subject to the full-time enrollment requirement, but must register at least half-time.*

**Finish Well Scholarship** *\$5,000 for 1 year* *not automatically renewable*

For Counseling students in their second year (31+ credits completed) or MDiv students in their third year (65+ credits completed).

**Windgate Counseling Scholarship** *\$10,000 per year* *renewable*

For Counseling students who demonstrate financial need.

**Biblical Studies Endowed Scholarship** *\$2,500 for 1 year* *not automatically renewable*

For Biblical Studies students who have completed at least 31 credits and demonstrate high academic achievement.

**Apologetics and Ethics Scholarship** *\$1,000 per year* *renewable*

For Apologetics and Ethics students and Biblical Studies students with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (from the most recent degree)

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**Kermit & Shirley Ecklebarger Endowed Scholarship** *\$3,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For married MA Biblical Studies students who have completed at least 24 credits and married MDiv Biblical Studies students who have completed at least 48 credits. Priority goes to those closest to graduation.

**Reverend Clifton McGlothlan Endowed Scholarship** *\$2,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For first year MDiv students.

**Kent Mathews Endowed Scholarship** *amount varies per year renewable*

For MDiv students with a concentration in Justice and Mission or MA Justice and Mission students

**Christian Ministry Endowed Scholarship** *\$1,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate high academic achievement and are studying any of the following: Christian Formation, Intercultural Ministries, Leadership, Worship Youth and Family Ministry

**Messianic Judaism Scholarship** *\$2,000 per year renewable*

For continuing MDiv students enrolled with a concentration in Messianic Judaism.

**Dr. Bruce L. Shelley Endowed Scholarship** *\$1,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For students who have completed at least 24 credits with a minimum cumulative 3.25 GPA and demonstrate academic excellence in the area of Christian thought while exhibiting potential for teaching in a Christian higher education setting. Priority goes to MDiv students.

## Ministry & Leadership

*The following scholarships are for master's-level US citizens/residents, based primarily on the applicant's ministry experience, connection, calling and future goals*

### General

**Young Life Scholarship** *\$5,000 per year renewable*

For students who exhibit a heart for evangelism and the desire to work with youth, and can commit to volunteer a minimum of 15 hours per week with Young Life of Littleton. Priority goes to students with less than 20 completed credits.

**Vernon Grounds Scholarship** *\$2,000 per year renewable, dependent on maintaining a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA*

For students who are committed to pursuing a career in vocational ministry upon graduation with a minimum 3.0 GPA from the most recent degree.

**Carey S. Thomas Christian Leadership Scholarship** *amount varies each year renewable*

For students who demonstrate biblical leadership and Christian character on campus and in the community.

**Vernon Grounds Memorial Fund** *\$2,500 per year not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate biblical leadership and Christian character on campus and in the community.

**Timothy Ayre Endowed Scholarship** *\$500 per year renewable*

For students who are committed to pursuing a career in outdoor leadership upon graduation.

**Dr. Donald Jerome Barnes Endowed Scholarship** *\$500 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate high academic achievement and are majoring in Christian Formation and Soul Care, Leadership, or Youth and Family Ministries. *Not subject to full-time enrollment requirement, but must register at least half-time.*

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**Eugene Allbert Endowed Scholarship** *\$500 for 1 year not automatically renewable*  
For continuing MDiv students.

**Barb and Jim Dixon Ministry Scholarship** *amount varies each year renewable*  
For married MDiv students committed to pursuing a full-time leadership role in ministry upon graduation.

**Baraca Philathea Scholarship for Christian Education** *amount varies each year not automatically renewable*  
For students pursuing a degree in the field of Christian education and/or ministry.

**Cru Tuition Discount** *amount varies each year renewable*  
For students who are working full-time (minimum 32 hours per week) for Cru in the Great Plains region and have their supervisor submit a signed letter confirming employment to the Financial Aid Office prior to the start of the first applicable semester.

**Navigators Discount** *amount varies each year renewable*  
A tuition discount for students who are full-time employees of Navigators who wish to pursue an advanced certificate, diploma, or degree. Must submit a letter from the organization confirming employment prior to the start of the first applicable semester.

**Church Partnership Tuition Discount** *50% tuition not automatically renewable*  
For students whose church commits a minimum of 40% of the applicant's tuition costs. Eligible applicants will submit a completed [Church Partnership Agreement](#) to the Financial Aid Office prior to the start of each applicable semester.

**Priscilla C. Harrell Scholarship** *amount varies each year not automatically renewable*  
For students pursuing ministry as a career.

**First Baptist Church of Glenarden Scholarship** *20% tuition renewable*  
For Washington DC Campus students who are approved members of First Baptist Church of Glenarden.

### Women in Ministry

*The following scholarships are for female master's-level US citizens/residents, based primarily on the applicant's ministry experience, calling and future goals.*

**Huckleberry Scholarship** *\$8,000 per year renewable*  
For female students who intend to go into a ministry, business, or a nonprofit leadership after graduation.

**Julia Amen Scholarship for Women in Ministry** *\$2,000 - \$4,000 for 1 year renewable*  
For female students currently involved in local church ministry. Priority goes first to single mothers and then to married mothers.  
**Not subject to full-time enrollment requirement, but must register at least half-time.**

**Women Engage Scholarship** *\$2,000 per year renewable*  
For female students who demonstrate leadership in their sphere of influence.

**Dr. and Mrs. Frank E. Gaebelein Scholarship for Women** *amount varies per year renewable*  
For women in the MDiv program who intend to pursue full-time pastoral ministry upon graduation.

**Neva Burk Scholarship for Women in Chaplaincy** *\$1,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*  
For female MDiv students who demonstrate high academic achievement. Priority goes to Chaplaincy majors pursuing a career in chaplaincy.

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#### Ministry Residency Programs

Denver Seminary partners with ministries throughout the Front Range to offer students the opportunity to match their academic training with practical leadership experience. Churches are the primary organizations participating in the Residency Program, but any ministry may choose to offer a Residency position. Resident responsibilities will vary depending on each ministry's needs, but residents will typically intern for 20-28 hours per week and will receive a combination of the cost of tuition (typically 75-100%) and a monthly living stipend while serving. Contracts will be on a 1-year basis with anticipated renewal for the length of a student's program.

Residents must be full-time students and maintain satisfactory academic progress (2.0 GPA). Recipients whose full tuition is paid by the partnering church will not be eligible for other Denver Seminary scholarships. Living stipends are subject to income tax.

Ministry Residency positions are continually both added and filled. For an up-to-date list of available openings, visit the [Ministry Residency page](#) on our website.

#### Pastoral

##### **Kingdom Scholars Endowed Scholarship** 50% tuition renewable, dependent on maintaining 3.25 cumulative GPA

For MDiv students who are pursuing careers in full-time ministry, demonstrate potential for leadership and impact in the Kingdom of God, 35 years or younger at the time of application, and will commit to attend monthly ministry-focused meetings with other scholarship recipients. Eligible applicants will have graduated from an accredited college with a minimum 3.1 GPA (on a 4.0 scale) and complete the [Kingdom Scholarship Application](#) by March 1st.

##### **Payne Family Scholarship** \$5,000 per year renewable

For MDiv students who are committed to pursuing a career in full-time pastoral ministry upon graduation, demonstrate high academic achievement, and commit to complete the degree within 4 years.

##### **Bellevue Heights Seminary Scholarship** \$4,500 per year renewable

For MDiv students starting in the fall semester who are committed to pursue a career in full-time pastoral ministry upon graduation and submit a completed [Bellevue Heights Seminary Scholarship Application](#) by May 1st.

##### **Pastoral Student Endowed Scholarship** \$2,500 for 1 year not automatically renewable

For students who are committed to pursue a career in full-time pastoral ministry upon graduation and demonstrate high academic achievement. Priority goes to MDiv students.

##### **Dr. Douglas V. and Lucille I. Birk Scholarship** \$500 per year renewable

For continuing MDiv students who are committed to pursue a career in full-time pastoral ministry upon graduation.

##### **Urban Pastor Scholarship** amount varies per year renewable

For paid pastors whose church submits a signed letter to the Financial Aid Office confirming the applicant's employment and that the church's location in Denver fits one of the following definitions: 1) Midtown 2) Inner-city 3) Inner-urban neighborhood  
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### Chaplaincy

**Neva Burk Scholarship for Women in Chaplaincy** *\$1,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For female MDiv students who demonstrate high academic achievement. Priority goes to Chaplaincy majors pursuing a career in chaplaincy.

**Chaplaincy Scholarship** *amount varies per year renewable*

For Chaplaincy students (MDiv or MA) committed to pursuing a career of full-time chaplaincy ministry upon graduation.

**John and Lorraine Bandimere Jr. Endowed Scholarship** *amount varies per year renewable*

For Chaplaincy students (MDiv or MA).

### Missions

**Norman R. Kendall Scholarship** *\$3,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For students who have applied with World Venture to go overseas upon graduation. Priority goes to students closest to graduation.

**Cross-Cultural Missions Scholarship** *\$2,000 per year renewable*

For students committed to pursue full-time cross-cultural missions outside the United States upon graduation.

**Inner-City Endowed Scholarship** *\$1,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate high academic achievement and are currently serving in the inner-city and/or are planning on serving in the inner-city upon graduation. **Not subject to the full-time enrollment requirement, but must register at least half-time.**

**Dorothy Buker Memorial Endowed Scholarship** *amount varies each year not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate high academic achievement and is committed to missions. Priority is given as follows:

1) A student who will be serving with World Venture or Mission to the Americas upon graduation, 2) A student committed to minister abroad upon graduation, 3) A student committed to home missions upon graduation.

**Prester Endowed Scholarship** *amount varies each year not automatically renewable*

For children of a Conservative Baptist missionary or of a missionary from an evangelical African mission.

**Not subject to the full-time enrollment requirement, but must register at least half-time.**

## Merit

*The following scholarships are for master's-level US citizens/residents, based primarily on the applicant's previous and/or current academic achievement*

**Denver Seminary Presidential Scholarship** *\$2,500 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For first-year students with a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher (from the most recent degree).

**Denver Seminary Merit Scholarship** *\$2,000 per year renewable, dependent on maintaining a 3.0 cumulative GPA*

For first-year students with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher (from the most recent degree) who are committed to full-time pastoral ministry upon graduation or continuing studies in a doctoral program.

**Dr. Edward L. Hayes Presidential Scholarship** *\$2,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For continuing students with a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher.

**Charlene McIntire Presidential Scholarship** *amount varies per year renewable*

For first-year students with a GPA of 3.25 or higher from the most recent degree.



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### Diversity

*The following scholarships are for master's-level US citizens/residents, based primarily on the applicant's ethnic background*

**JR and YK Lee Korean Student Scholarship Fund** *\$2,000-\$5,000 per year not automatically renewable*

For Korean or Korean-American students. Preference given to students from Torch Trinity Graduate University (Korea).

**Korean-American Church Planting Scholarship** *\$4,000 per year renewable*

For Korean-American students pursuing a career in church planting in the U.S., with priority given to the inner-city.

**Latino/a Student Scholarship** *\$2,500 per year renewable*

For MDiv Latino students who desire to help lead the next generation of Latino Christians and ministries, and can describe how their Hispanic background both prepares them for and informs their identity, present ministry while in seminary, and future ministry plans subsequent to graduation.

**Denver Seminary Diversity Leadership Scholarship** *\$2,000-3,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For students who are members of a recognized racial/ethnic minority group and demonstrate leadership within a ministry related to their degree program or within a minority-based community.

**Joel England Memorial Scholarship** *\$1,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For minority students who are called to ministry in the areas of cross-cultural/urban studies and evangelism.

### Financial Need

*The following scholarships are for master's-level US citizens/residents, based primarily on the applicant's financial need*

**Spouse Half-Tuition Discount** *50% of tuition renewable*

For students whose spouse is a full-time degree-seeking student taking classes concurrently at Denver Seminary.

**Not subject to the full-time enrollment requirement.**

**Ginny Condos Scholarship** *\$2,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For married students who demonstrate high academic achievement and whose spouse stays at home with at least 1 child (minimum employment is acceptable if it does not interfere with a parent being home with the child(ren)). *Not automatically renewable.*

**Denver Seminary Grant** *\$500-\$2,000 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate high unmet financial need based on the results of the [FAFSA](#).

**Not subject to the full-time enrollment requirement, but must register at least half-time.**

**Lew Gras Memorial Endowed Scholarship** *\$600 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For first-year MA students and second-year MDiv students.

**Not subject to the full-time enrollment requirement, but must register at least half-time.**

**Freda T. Roof and Yngve Hanson Memorial Scholarship** *\$500 for 1 year not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate financial need.



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## Doctor of Ministry Students

*The following scholarship(s) is/are for Doctor of Ministry students who demonstrate financial need*

**Doctor of Ministry Scholarship** *amount varies each year* *renewable*

For Doctor of Ministry students who exhibit unmet financial need and need tuition assistance in order to complete the degree.

## International Students

*The following scholarships are for master's-level international students who demonstrate unmet financial need.*

### General

**Denver Seminary International Grant** *\$2,000 for 1 year* *not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate unmet financial need.

**Walt Cochran Scholarship for International Students** *\$1,000 for 1 year* *not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate unmet financial need.

**Clyde B. McDowell International Student Scholarship** *\$700 per year* *not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate unmet financial need and high academic achievement.

**Spouse Half-Tuition Discount** *50% tuition* *renewable*

For students whose spouse is a full-time degree-seeking student taking classes concurrently at Denver Seminary.

*Not subject to the full-time enrollment requirement.*

**Church Partnership Tuition Discount** *50% tuition* *not automatically renewable*

For students whose church(es) commit(s) a minimum of 40% of the applicant's tuition costs at a minimum of 9 credits per semester. Eligible applicants will submit a completed [Church Partnership Agreement](#) to the Financial Aid Office at least 3 weeks prior to the start of each applicable semester.

**Baraca Philathea Scholarship for Christian Education** *amount varies each year* *not automatically renewable*

For students pursuing a degree in the field of Christian education and/or ministry.

**Dorothy Buker Memorial Endowed Scholarship** *amount varies each year* *not automatically renewable*

For students who demonstrate high academic achievement.

### Country of Origin

**Kepner International Student Scholarship** *\$5,000 per year* *renewable*

For students from a home country with a Gross Domestic Product (GDP) less than 10% in dollars of the US GDP per capita (list available in The World Factbook at CIA.gov) who demonstrate high academic achievement and unmet financial need.

**Indonesian Student Scholarship** *\$1,500 per year* *renewable*

For Indonesian students. Priority goes to students from Southeast Asia Bible Seminary.

**African Student Aid Fund** *amount varies each year* *not automatically renewable*

For continuing African students who demonstrate high academic achievement and unmet financial need.

**African Student Endowed Scholarship** *amount varies each year* *renewable*

For students pursuing a career of full-time ministry upon graduation. Priority goes to African students.

**Chinese Endowed Scholarship** *amount varies each year* *not automatically renewable*

For Chinese students who demonstrate high academic achievement and unmet financial need.

**Korean Student Aid Fund** *amount varies each year* *not automatically renewable*

For Korean students who demonstrate high academic achievement and unmet financial need.

**Korean Student Endowed Scholarship** *amount varies each year* *not automatically renewable*

For Korean students who demonstrate high academic achievement and unmet financial need.

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## Terms & Conditions

*Interested applicants must complete a [Scholarship Application](#) in order to apply for any Denver Seminary scholarships. Recipients of any Denver Seminary financial aid will receive all offers through an electronic **Award Letter**, which will require acceptance of the following terms & conditions. All terms & conditions are subject to change without notice, although substantial changes will be communicated via email and/or Campus News.*

**Scholarship Offers** Scholarship amounts listed in this guide are approximate and subject to change based on availability. All institutional aid offers (scholarships, grants, tuition discounts) expire 30 days from the Award Letter's sent date. The Scholarship Committee will reallocate the award to another applicant if they have not been accepted by that time.

**Discount Rate** Students may not receive more than 50% of the cost of their tuition in scholarships (*includes grants and discounts*).

**External Assistance** Recipients of external assistance (e.g. VA benefits, external scholarships, etc.) will not be eligible for institutional aid beyond 100% of tuition and fees.

**Minimum Credits** Failure to register for and maintain the award's minimum amount of required credits will result in partial forfeiture (and may result in total forfeiture of the award), unless the recipient is in the last semester of the program and does not need the required amount of credits in order to graduate (in which case the amount of the award will be prorated based on actual enrollment status).

**Course Completion** Eligibility for all awards is contingent upon course completion. For students who drop any courses necessary for financial aid eligibility after the semester starts, or fail to complete/pass any courses necessary for financial aid eligibility, the award(s) will be fully withdrawn from my account and may result in a debt that will be owed back to the Seminary. For students who fully withdraw before at least 60% of the semester is complete Denver Seminary is required to return at least a portion of any disbursed federal loan funds directly to the lender and may result in a debt that will be owed back to the Seminary. Any unpaid debt will prohibit the student from being able to graduate, register for any further classes, or have transcripts released. Students are responsible for Denver Seminary's tuition refund policy and financial aid return policies.

**Minimum GPA** All financial aid recipients must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), the minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) required by the applicable degree program (typically 2.0 cumulative), unless a higher GPA is required by a specific scholarship. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of future disbursements of all scholarships, grants, and tuition discounts. Students who fail to maintain SAP will have one semester to bring the GPA back into good standing before eligibility for student loans is also suspended.

**Disbursements** Scholarships, grants and tuition discounts are not cleared and cannot be disbursed to student accounts until after the Financial Aid Office has received a completed Award Letter and a thank you letter/picture for each award received. Disbursements occur no earlier than the deadline to add a course (10 business days after the start of the semester). Refund checks are mailed each Friday after a credit balance is created.

**Donor Event** Scholarship, grant and tuition discount recipients will be required to attend an event with scholarship donors during the upcoming academic year should an invitation be received. If applicable, details will follow via email and invitees will be required to attend. Students may not contact donors directly to request funds. All donor communication must be filtered through the Advancement Department, which will be authorized to obtain student information necessary to facilitate donor communication.

**Renewability** Most financial aid is not automatically renewable and requires annual reapplication. The renewability of each scholarship is noted in the scholarship's description in this Scholarship Guide and in the Academic Catalog. Renewability assumes that budget is available and the recipient is maintaining the requirements listed.

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