2020-2021 Phillips University Seminary Scholarship
First Year Application

Application Forms can be submitted online
With exception as noted

Application and Required Documents
Must be Received no Later Than
Thursday, April 30, 2020

For questions, please contact Tamela Harsha at (580) 237-4433 or at scholarships@phillips.edu.

The purpose of this program is to perpetuate the mission and the legacy of Phillips University
by helping educate people who will be future ministers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
Policies and Criteria

Phillips University, Inc. (PU) is pleased to offer a Seminary scholarship program to students who are pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree, are committed to pastoral ministry and will attend one of the following Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) affiliated seminaries:

- Brite Divinity School
- Christian Theological Seminary
- Disciples Divinity House at Vanderbilt
- Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago
- Disciples Seminary Foundation
- Claremont School of Theology
- ILIFF School of Theology
- Pacific School of Religion
- San Francisco Theological Seminary
- Seattle University School of Theology & Ministry
- Lexington Theological Seminary
- Phillips Theological Seminary

This scholarship is merit based, so applicants will be evaluated solely by the information provided in this packet.

Before proceeding with your application, please read the following information:

1. **Application** – A completed application will include:
   - Completed Online Application Part 1 & Part 2
   - Résumé of Accomplishments
   - Essay
   - Three Personal References
   - Education Records
     - Either a copy of your Letter of Acceptance of Admission from the seminary to which you have applied or a note from you stating you haven’t received your letter of acceptance yet. If you haven’t received it as of the scholarship deadline and you are awarded this scholarship, you must forward a copy to us as soon as it is received.
     - Official transcript(s) showing ALL undergraduate and graduate work completed through the Fall semester of 2019. The official transcript(s) must be mailed by the schools to Phillips University.

*Incomplete applications cannot be considered for scholarships.* We cannot notify applicants of what is missing from their applications, but we do encourage you to contact us at any time to make sure your materials have arrived. **All of the materials listed above must be received by Phillips University by the April 30, 2020 11:59 pm CT deadline.** Consideration will be given to all information included with the completed application. **We also recommend that all**
applicants print and save a copy of their completed application and all supporting
documentation.

2. **Reference Forms** – Three separate reference forms which are to be downloaded from the Phillips University website separately and emailed to whomever you want to fill each out. **Form A is to be completed by a pastoral or ecclesiastical reference** who can account for your ministerial leadership potential. **Form B is to be completed by an academic reference** who can account for your intellectual promise, and **Form C is to be completed by a professional reference** who can speak to your sense of vision and potential. These three forms are to be submitted with the application. **Each reference form must be enclosed in individual sealed envelopes with the referee’s signature across the seal.**

3. **Scholarship Amount Terms** – The amount of the scholarship(s) awarded for the 2020-2021 academic year will be dependent upon earnings on the scholarship corpus.

4. **Selection Process** – A committee will select scholarship recipients. Phillips Seminary Scholars will be e-mailed notification of the award decisions no later than June 1, 2020.

5. **Enrollment and GPA Requirements** – A scholarship recipient must meet the following requirements:

- Has attained an undergraduate GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Has received an undergraduate degree from a college or university as listed in the current Yearbook & Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
- Be enrolled as a full-time, first year student (with less than 12 credit hours completed at seminary level) for the 2020-2021 academic year
- Be pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree at one of the aforementioned seminaries
- Plan to enroll full-time (9 hours or more) in Seminary studies per semester

6. **Transfer Policy** – Scholarships will not be transferable to another seminary unless you notify us of your change of plans by July 11, 2020. Transfer approval will be given on a case-by-case basis and the transfer must be to one of the aforementioned seminaries.

7. **Photograph** – By no later than July 26, 2020, all scholarship recipients are required to submit one color photograph that is produced by a professional photographer. The photos are featured in promotional publications utilized by PU to publicize the Scholarship program. Specifications will be emailed to all approved scholars.

8. **Renewable Scholarships** – Scholarships are not automatically renewable each year. To be eligible to renew your scholarship, you must:

- Submit a complete Renewal application and related attachments by the stated deadline
- Submit a current seminary transcript by the stated deadline
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA at the Seminary level
- Submit a professionally produced photograph that conforms to the PU guidelines by the stated deadline
- Complete a minimum of 9 hours of seminary studies in the Fall semester of the current academic year and be enrolled in a minimum of 9 hours of seminary studies in the Spring semester of the current academic year

9. **Scholarship Checks** – The PU Seminary Scholarship checks are made payable directly to the Financial Aid Office at the seminary or foundation house in two payments – half of the awarded
amount in August 2020 and the other half in January 2021. The scholarship can be applied to
tuition, books, room and board and similar educational expenses incurred within the seminary.

10. **Application Deadline & Contact Information** – Any materials received later than April 30, 2020
cannot be considered. We are aware our application process requires considerable time. We
appreciate the efforts of the applicants to meet the deadlines and supply the information we need
to make scholarship decisions. Please contact Tamela Harsha at (580) 237-4433 or at
scholarships@phillips.edu, if you have any questions or concerns about the application
process.

**Applicable documents should be mailed to:**

Phillips University, Inc.
Attn: Seminary Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 2127
Enid, OK  73702

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