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## **2023-2024 Graduate Seminary Scholarship and Leadership Development Program**

### ***Program Policies and Criteria***

The purpose of this program is to perpetuate the mission and the legacy of Phillips University by developing leaders who will transform the world. To that end, the Phillips University Legacy Foundation (Legacy Foundation) is pleased to offer the Graduate Seminary Scholarship and Leadership development program to students who are committed to pastoral ministry and pursuing a full-time Masters of Divinity degree at a theological institution listed below and as listed in the current Yearbook & Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

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#### **1. Key Dates for the 2023 – 2024 Application Season**

- January 9th, 2023 – Applications Available
- April 14th, 2023 – Applications & References Due; Official Transcripts Postmark Deadline
- April 21st, 2023 – Scholarship Recipients Contacted

#### **2. Eligible Institutions**

The scholarship program is open 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  
Claremont School of Theology (Disciples Seminary Foundation) ILIFF  
School of Theology (Disciples Seminary Foundation)  
Pacific School of Religion (Disciples Seminary Foundation)  
Lexington Theological Seminary  
Phillips Theological Seminary

#### **3. Scholarship Requirements**

- Be enrolled as a full-time, first year student (with less than 12 credit hours completed at seminary level) for the 2023-2024 academic year
- Has attained an undergraduate GPA of **3.0** on a 4.0 scale
- Be pursuing a Masters of Divinity degree at one of the above listed institutions
- Plan to enroll full-time (9 hours or more) in coursework per semester

#### **4. Application Requirements**

Other than official transcripts sent directly from your institutions, the application itself is entirely online. The application primarily consists of:

- General Information
  - Three References, and Essay & An Updated Resume
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- Educational Records - the online application requires that unofficial copies of all educational records from undergraduate and graduate coursework be submitted online with an attachment. Official transcripts must also be emailed to [scholarships@pulf.org](mailto:scholarships@pulf.org) or mailed physically to the Legacy Foundation and postmarked by the deadline.

## 5. **Deadlines**

*The deadline is April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Incomplete applications cannot be considered by the committee.* This means that the online application, external references and all educational records must be submitted, received and/or postmarked by the application deadline. Please review the online application carefully to ensure that all sections are answered. The Foundation cannot notify applicants of what is missing from their applications, but does encourage applicants to email questions to [scholarships@pulf.org](mailto:scholarships@pulf.org).

## 6. **Selection Process**

The Scholarship Committee will select recipients and set scholarship amounts. All applicants are emailed notification of award decisions in late April.

## 7. **Scholarship & Program Requirements**

General Program Information – The Graduate Legacy Scholars program includes not only a scholarship but opportunities for leadership development, service, growth and community. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Annual Leadership Conference - Graduate Legacy Scholars are invited, but not required to attend the Annual Leadership Conference held each fall along with the Undergraduate Legacy Scholars
- Annual Leadership Reflections – Each year Karma graduate Legacy scholars will have the opportunity to complete graduate leadership reflections not only ask them to share on their experiences of leadership in their professional contexts, but also reflect on important issues at the intersections of leadership, ministry, service and community.
- Program Forms & Portrait – By no later than June 1<sup>st</sup> of each year Phillips Legacy Scholars are required to submit to the Legacy Foundation one color portrait (head and shoulder shot on a neutral background) that is produced by a professional photographer. The Scholars' photos are featured in promotional publications utilized by the Legacy Foundation to expand the Scholarship and Leadership Development Program, so it is essential that these photographs be professional. Strict portrait specifications are emailed to all approved Scholars.

## 8. **Renewal Requirements**

The scholarship program is renewable throughout the Legacy Scholar's undergraduate career, but do not renew automatically. Scholarship renewals awarded to returning Legacy Scholars are dependent on multiple factors including, but not limited to: a completed renewal application, a successful wholistic academic performance, active participation in all elements

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of the program, leadership growth throughout the year and the ability to meet all Foundation deadlines. Renewal scholarship amounts may vary. At minimum the requirements include:

- Submit a complete Renewal application and related attachments by the stated deadline
- Maintain a 3.0 GPA
- Submit a professionally produced photograph that conforms to the PULF 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. **Transfer Policy**

Scholarships will not be transferable to another approved institution unless scholars notify the foundation in writing by August 1<sup>st</sup> of that semester. Transfer approval will be given on a case-by-case basis.

#### 10. **Scholarship Amount Terms**

The amount of the scholarship will vary depending on student qualifications, and availability of funds.

#### 11. **Scholarship Checks**

Each Graduate Legacy Scholar's semester check will be sent electronically (mid-August and mid-January) after we have received all required information. The scholarship can be applied to tuition, books, room and board, lab fees and similar educational expenses incurred within the college/university. *Scholarship monies awarded in connection with the Phillips University Legacy Scholarship and Leadership Development Program are considered Merit-based financial aid and, as such, are awarded without regard to the recipient's financial need. The award is not intended to limit, replace or reduce any of the recipient's other aid eligibility and may exceed the student's need-based financial aid. The scholarship can be applied to tuition, books, room and board lab fees and similar education expenses incurred within the college/university.*

#### 12. **Statement of Non-Discrimination**

Phillips University Legacy Foundation does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations.

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