

The Holy Nativity Scholarship-Diocese of the Central States

Here in the Diocese of Central States we want to support men whom God has called to pastoral ministry in the Reformed Episcopal Church.

In an effort to make seminary education more accessible and affordable, The DCS introduced **The Holy Nativity Scholarship** in the Fall of 2019 to those who are currently studying, or planning to prepare to serve the Church and are willing to serve this diocese.

This scholarship will cover up to **\$5,000** of tuition for one year for a select student and is designed for students who are called to serve and do pastoral ministry in the DCS and seek to use their training to empower and lead others in making disciples.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

(1) Be a full-time graduate theological student or part-time theological student taking a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester, in good standing and enrolled at a theological institution approved by the Examining Committee of the DCS; (2) Be pursuing a degree that meets the requirements of the DCS for ordination to the presbyterate; (3) Have and maintain a minimum overall GPA of 2.6; (4) Be willing to serve at the will of the Ordinary of DCS in an extension work, a mission, or a parish for a period not less than 12 months after graduation; (5) Provide to the Scholarship Committee within DCS a report of his studies, spiritual formation, and progress toward ordination to the presbyterate at the end of each semester following the award; and, (6) Express his internal call by God to the pastorate and provide

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confirmation from other Christian leaders that he has the gifts, temperament, and other qualifications for the pastorate.

Deadlines

- Yearly scholarship application deadline: **August 2**
- Yearly award notification: **August 26**



Diocese of the Central States
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Nativity Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Date of Birth: _____ Birth Place: _____

Seminary where you will study: _____

Are you a member of an REC Parish? YES ☐ NO ☐ If no, are you an Anglican? YES ☐ NO ☐

Are you a citizen of the United States? YES ☐ NO ☐ If no, are you authorized to work in the U.S.? YES ☐ NO ☐

Are you married? YES ☐ NO ☐ If yes, do you have children? YES ☐ NO ☐

If married, name of wife: _____

Names & ages of children: _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, explain: _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES ☐ NO ☐ Diploma: _____

College: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES ☐ NO ☐ Degree: _____

Major Course of Study: _____ GPA: _____

Other School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES ☐ NO ☐ Degree: _____

References

Please list three references who have known you for 3 years or more; do not include family members.

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____
Company: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____

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Most Recent Employment History

Company: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Supervisor: _____
Job Title: _____ Starting Salary: \$ _____ Ending Salary: \$ _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES ☐ NO ☐

Company: _____ Phone: _____
Address: _____ Supervisor: _____
Job Title: _____ Starting Salary: \$ _____ Ending Salary: \$ _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference? YES ☐ NO ☐

Church Membership

Parish: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Address: _____ Rector: _____

Best contact number for the Rector: _____

Recent activities in your parish: _____

Sponsoring Priest and Sponsoring Bishop

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Full Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Essay Requirement

Applications to the Holy Nativity Scholarship require an essay. To complete your application, please respond to the following four essay questions, keeping each of your responses to each one **500 words or less**:

1. Please describe your internal and external calls to parish ministry.
2. Please describe your current and past experience serving the Church.
3. What is your position on the ordination of women and how did you theologically come to your conclusion?
4. How do you expect your studies at the seminary where you will attend, specifically, to equip you to serve in parish ministry?

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If awarded this scholarship I agree to: 1.) serve in the Diocese of Central States at the will of the Bishop Ordinary for at least 6 months after earning the MDiv degree; and, 2.) while studying I will keep the Bishop Ordinary posted on my church and educational activities in writing at least quarterly.

If this application leads to a scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in a request for the return of the funds awarded.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Instructions

Please mail this application along with your essay to the following address:

TRINITY-DCS-REC
Attn: DCS Examining Committee
5920 Butler-Warren Rd.
Mason, OH 45040

Please let your references know they will be receiving a call from the DCS-REC.