

OVERVIEW

The Redeemer Foundation exists to aid those preparing for full-time or part-time Christian ministry and leadership. Two tracks exist: those preparing to be clergy and those preparing for other ministries supporting the church and communities to expand the Kingdom of God. Refer to the Ministry Areas listed on the Redeemer Website for definitions/examples.

The common element for assistance is that applicant is enrolled in a formal, defined education/training program leading to a degree, certification, or other credential in Christian Ministry.

ASSISTANCE DESCRIPTION

- A limited number of grants are available for financial assistance. Preference is given first to (a) members of or those affiliated with Redeemer Lutheran Church, followed by (b) members of other Lutheran congregations, followed by (c) other Christian congregations.
- The amount of assistance is influenced by the financial need of the student, the number of students submitting applications and the amount of income available from investments for funding.
- Assistance is for tuition and fees, books, supplies and equipment required for classes and, in some cases, partial living expenses during in the course of study.
- Assistance is paid to a student account at the institution and distributed according to the institution's practices. **NO ASSISTANCE IS PAID DIRECTLY TO THE STUDENT.**
- Assistance will be only awarded for courses related to a student's ministry goal, and not for general classes required for a Associate or undergraduate degree.
- Classes may be in the classroom or on-line.
- Students not completing the course of study or who do not fulfill their Christian ministry obligations will be required to repay the financial assistance according to the terms of **Section H**.

Student Application Process

1. Foundation receives a completed application.
2. Student meets with the Foundation Board.
3. Foundation Board evaluates student application.
4. Foundation Board determines assistance distribution among the applicant(s).
5. Foundation Board notifies the applicant of the results.

Subsequent years

1. A new application is not required unless the student changes the course of study.
2. The Board and successful applicants will meet at least once a year, preferably in person, so we the Board can pay with, and encourage the student(s).



SECTION A | PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant First Name	MI	Applicant Last Name	Suffix
Address Line 1	Address Line 2 (opt)	City	State Zip Code (5)
Personal E-mail Address	Alternate E-mail Address	Cell Phone	Alt Phone
Marital Status (pull down)	Spouse First Name	Spouse Last Name	
Are you responsible for supporting minor dependents?	Yes No	If Yes, please provide the number and age range of the dependents.	
		Youngest	Eldest

SECTION B | INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR HOME CONGREGATION

Congregation Name	Street Address
Lead Pastor	Street Address Line 2 (opt)
Main Phone Number	City State Zip Code

SECTION C | INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR POST HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION

Check all boxes that apply. Then fill in the information in the fields provided for each institution/degree. (If you have completed requirements for PhD except your dissertation, enter **Ph.D.-ABD** for the degree.)

Line 1: Major, Name of Institution, its City and State.

Line 2: Degree and Major (Bachelor and Graduate only), ALL DATES IN SECTION C ARE MM/YY.

No College	2-Year Degree		
	Attended from	to	Degree awarded
Bachelor's Degree 1	Associate Degree		
	Attended from	to	Degree awarded
Bachelor's Degree 2			
	Attended from	to	Degree awarded
Master's Degree 1			
	Attended from	to	Degree awarded
Master's Degree 2			
	Attended from	to	Degree awarded
PhD 1			
	Attended from	to	Degree awarded
PhD 2			
	Attended from	to	Degree awarded



SECTION D | INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION PLAN

School Name	Type of School (pull down)	Start Date (mm/yy when you started or plan to start)	Planned Completion (or Credential) mm/yy
Street Address	Credential Sought (pull down)		
Street Address #2 (Optional)	Title or description of program		
City	State	Zip Code	

SECTION E | HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR CALLING TO CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

1. Tell us your “faith story.” (Limit response to 2 pages. Save the document as a file named Faith-Story with your name for electronically sending to the Redeemer Foundation.)
2. What are your plans for serving in Christian ministry? (Limit your response to 1 page. Save the document as a file named Serving-Plan with your name for electronically sending to the Redeemer Foundation.)
3. What are your spiritual gifts? Describe your activities that make use of these spiritual gifts. (Limit response to 1 page. Save the document as a file named Spiritual-Gifts with your name for electronically sending to the Redeemer Foundation.)

SECTION F | ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

1. A Letter of Recommendation from the Lead/another pastor from your home congregation.
2. A Letter of Recommendation from someone, who is not your relative, who has known you for some time and is aware of your goal to serve in Christian Ministry.
3. **Either** a copy of your institution's acceptance letter (if this will be your first year) **OR** a letter from the institution indicating good academic standing (if you are in your second or later year).

Notes On Handling Additional Documents

1. Be sure to give each person sufficient time to respond. Please have them include their name, mailing address, and phone number in their document.
2. Have them send their document directly to the Redeemer Foundation at redeemerfoundation@redeermn.org.

These steps aid you to submit a complete application package.



Section G covers your financial need. The Foundation has provided a detailed worksheet on the Redeemer Website for your use in calculating the numbers in this section, however, DO NOT submit the worksheet with your application submission.

SECTION G | HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR FINANCIAL NEED

Please share your projected annual expenses. (Annual expenses mean expenses for the school terms you plan to attend. The worksheet may help you estimate your expenses. Transfer the items in the green boxes of the worksheet to this section.)

- Estimate of Direct Education costs (include tuition, fees, books, and other costs required by the school) **A)**
- Estimate of Living Expenses (including housing, food, utilities, insurance, transportation) **B)**
- Estimate of grants and scholarships, known to you, from all sources (except from Redeemer Foundation) **C)**

Net Study Costs
(Direct Costs + Living Expenses) - Grants&Scholarships

Briefly explain your plans for covering remaining costs:

Please describe other factors affecting your financial request:



SECTION H | STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PURSUE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY AND SERVICE

Redeemer Foundation Purpose

The intended outcome of this scholarship program is to help increase the number of workers in Christian ministries, both ordained and non-ordained, who will be leaders in fulfilling the Great Commission. Funds released under the program are considered scholarships not requiring repayment except as described under Repayment Conditions, below.

My Statement of Intent

- In consideration of the financial assistance given me by the Redeemer Foundation, I promise to study diligently for the ministry or other Christian leadership positions.
- I intend to enter full-time or part-time Christian ministry, to expand Christ's kingdom, after completing the required course of study.
- I am prepared to serve in Christian ministry, as specified in Assistance Description of my application for at least one (1) full year for each year of financial assistance.
- I understand that Redeemer Foundation board members wish to develop a prayerful, supportive relationship with me. Therefore I will update the Board VP, or other designated member, on my activities and ministry pursuits at the end of each term of study. My updates will include my current phone number and email address.

Repayment Conditions

- Funds received under this financial assistance program of the Redeemer Foundation shall become a non-interest bearing loan, which must be repaid, if I don't complete my studies or serve in Christian ministry.
- In case ill health compels me to leave school, I will notify the Foundation president immediately. In such a case, I will be under no financial obligation to repay any assistance I have received.

Note: The Redeemer Foundation has sole authority to modify terms of repayment of the loans, including forgiving the outstanding balance.

**Please electronically sign in the Signature box.
Email the application and the three items in Section E to redeemerfoundation@redeermn.org.
Any questions can also be sent to this address.**

Signature