

REDEEMER FOUNDATION | Application

OVERVIEW

This application is for students seeking financial assistance for seminary who plan to serve in full time Christian ministry. The Foundation feels that increasing the number of people serving in Christian ministry is one way we can help expand the Kingdom of God.

- A limited number of grants for financial assistance are made. 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 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 funds available in the Foundation.
- Assistance is to be used for tuition and fees, books, supplies and equipment required for courses and living expenses incurred in the course of study. Assistance will be paid directly to seminary on student's behalf.
- Student must be enrolled at a seminary with the plan upon completion of serving in Christian ministry.
- After the Foundation receives a completed application, student is required to meet with the Foundation Board. Student need not fill out a new application for each year of study, but is expected to keep the Foundation informed of progress.
- Students who do not complete the course of study or do not serve in Christian ministry for the required obligation period will be required to repay the financial assistance. (See Section E – Statement of Obligation.)

SECTION A | PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Date Submitted _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Marital Status Single Married Divorced Separated

Spouse's Name _____

Names & Ages of Dependent Children _____

Home Congregation _____

Complete Home Congregation Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Seminary where you're enrolled _____

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Complete Seminary Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Seminary Start Date _____ Number of Years Expected to Complete Course of Study _____

Name of Undergraduate School _____

Complete Address of College _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Dates Attended _____ Date Graduated _____ Degree(s) Obtained _____

SECTION B | HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR CALLING TO SERVE IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Please answer these questions on a separate sheet of paper. Please limit your response to two pages on Question 1 and one each on Questions 2 and 3.

1. Tell us your “faith story.”
2. What are your plans for serving in Christian ministry?
3. Indicate your spiritual gifts. Describe your activities that make use of these spiritual gifts.

SECTION C | HELP US UNDERSTAND YOUR FINANCIAL NEED

Appendix A is a detailed worksheet that you can use to help you answer the questions in this section. You do not need to provide us with this detail.

Estimated cost for year of study:

Approximate Direct Educational costs (tuition & fees, books, and materials): \$ _____

Approximate Living Expenses for a year at seminary (housing, food, utilities, insurance, transportation): \$ _____

Less approximate value of scholarships and grants you know that you are receiving: \$ _____

Net study costs: \$ _____

Briefly describe how you plan on covering the remainder of these net study costs: _____

Please describe any other factors affecting your financial request:

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SECTION D | ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Provide two (2) letters of recommendation.

- One should be from the/a pastor from your home congregation
- The other should be 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.

Provide a copy of the seminary's acceptance letter (if this will be your first year) or letter indicating your good academic standing at the seminary (if you are in your second or later year).

SECTION E | STATEMENT OF OBLIGATION FOR SERVICE UPON COMPLETING MY STUDIES

This financial assistance program is designed to help increase the number of ministers available for call to congregations, and those serving in pastoral services or other areas of Christian ministry.

In consideration of the financial assistance given me by the Foundation of Redeemer Lutheran Church, I promise to study diligently for the Ministry, and declare that it is my intention to enter full-time Christian ministry in Christ's church after completing the required course of seminary study.

I am prepared to serve in Christian ministry as stated in Section B of my application for at least one (1) year of service for each year of financial assistance. I agree to provide an update regarding my ministry activities to the Vice President of the Foundation twice annually, in April and October, and keep the Foundation apprised of my current contact information.

Funds received under this financial assistance program of the Foundation of Redeemer Lutheran Church become a non-interest bearing loan which must be repaid under the following circumstances:

- If I fail in my course and for that reason am required to discontinue my studies;
- I am expelled from the seminary;
- If I fail to complete my studies;
- If, after having completed my studies, I choose not to pursue Christian ministry, not to serve in Christian ministry, or if I'm denied permission to serve;
- If I am defrocked or otherwise expelled by the Church within the obligation period;
- In case ill health compels me to leave school, I will notify the Foundation immediately. I will submit a statement from a reputable physician that further pursuit of studies would endanger my health. In such a case, it is my understanding that I will be under no financial obligation to repay any assistance received.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

Send completed application with all supplemental documents – answers to questions in Section B and letters of recommendation and seminary acceptance letter/letter of good academic standing from Section D to:

Foundation of Redeemer Lutheran Church
61 Mississippi Way NE, Fridley, MN 55432