

2025-2026 Named Scholarships

The following list provides pertinent information related to named scholarships that are available for students to apply for in the upcoming 2024 - 2025 academic year. Students, please read and review the criteria and eligibility statements pertaining to each scholarship prior to submitting an application to ensure you are eligible to receive aid should your application be selected as a recipient. If you have questions regarding eligibility, please reach out to finaid@westernseminary.edu.

As a reminder, scholarship applications are due by the following dates:

- Summer 2025 semester: April 1 2025
- Fall 2025 semester: August 1, 2025
- Spring 2026 semester: December 1, 2025

The scholarships listed below will be disbursed for the Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026 semesters during the academic year 2025-2026. Students need to submit an application for each new term to be considered for that term. Please be sure to list all scholarships you'd like to be considered for within the application. If you are selected as a scholarship recipient for one of the scholarships below, you will be alerted and communicated with by someone on our financial aid team a few weeks prior to the beginning of each new term.

Berg Scholarship

- Description: The Berg Scholarship will be awarded to a student interested in doing cross- cultural work.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: \$370 awarded to one student
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Vocational interest in cross-cultural ministry in another country
 - Recipient must be a student in one of the follow programs:
 - Master of Divinity - World Ministry
 - Master of Arts - Intercultural Studies
- Additional Requirements:
 - Preference will be given to students from Cascade Park Baptist Church (Vancouver, WA)

Dave Workman Scholarship

- Description: Grace Community Church in Chico, CA, honors their pastor emeritus, Dave Workman, by helping prospective pastors and ministry leaders who are growing in their knowledge and skill boldly lead the church into the future.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: \$10,000 total per year for eligible students (likely, 10 students will receive \$1,000 each or 5 students will receive \$2,000 each)
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Actively enrolled student in a degree program with a desire to serve in vocational ministry with deference to candidates that want to become a senior pastor, lead pastor, or ministry lead.
 - Preference will be given first to applicants from Grace Community Church, second to those near the church, third, to those within the church's general region, then lastly, to those nationwide.
 - Funds will be disbursed to returning students and are renewable.
 - Applicant(s) must demonstrate scholarship eligibility, as defined by Western Seminary.
- Additional Requirements:
 - Recipient(s) must communicate with Grace Community Church at least once per semester they are receiving the scholarship, including providing periodic in-person or video updates regarding their calling, professional progress, and program of study, and they must remain in good standing with the church.
 - Each recipient will write a brief word of appreciation and update on their respective ministry to the donor.

David Thommen Memorial Scholarship

In order to qualify, students must:

- Be an active attender/member of [New Life Church](#) and receive an endorsement from the Church's Elder board
- Be enrolled in a master's degree program at the Portland location
- Intend to serve the local church, parachurch, or other form of lay ministry upon successful degree completion

In order to be considered, students must:

- Complete a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA)
- Complete the [Need Based Grant Application](#)
- Complete the [Named Scholarship Application](#)
- Submit an endorsement from the Elder Board of New Life Church, confirming eligibility, to finaid@westernseminary.edu

If awarded, students must:

- Write a thank you letter to the donor, providing information about family, calling, and program of study.
- Remain a student in good standing

DeYoung Memorial Scholarship

- Description: The DeYoung Memorial Scholarship is to aid with the educational costs for students in the Master of Theology program.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: \$200 awarded to one student
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Master of Theology current or incoming student
 - Emphasis: New Testament studies
- Additional Requirements: None.

Don and Susan Hoffman Scholarship

- A student must be enrolled at least half-time in a degree program at Western Seminary.
- Student must only have one year left in their degree program and can exhibit an unmet financial need.
- Student must be in good standing with the seminary and be leading toward ministry in a church or Evangelical Christian faith-based organization.

This award will be given to up to three students in the amount of \$2500 each, or as designated by the Financial Aid Office.

Hawthorne Scholarship

- Description: The Hawthorne Scholarship was created to aid Western Seminary students.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: \$5,000 total to be disbursed among eligible students (no set limit to the number of students to be awarded).
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - A current or incoming student enrolled in a Western Seminary program.
- Additional Requirements: None.

Jessica Noble Scholarship

- Description: The Jessica Noble Scholarship will be awarded to students enrolled in the Master of Divinity program who are planning to serve as a pastor, have financial need, and are toward the end of their education.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: Between \$6,000 - \$10,000 in the upcoming academic year for eligible students.
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Master of Divinity student
 - Currently is serving or plans to serve as a pastor
 - Halfway or further into their program
 - Has financial need
- Additional Requirements:
 - Each recipient must write a thank you card/note of appreciation to be given to the donor.

Mather Memorial Scholarship

- Description: The Mather Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to one student enrolled in the Master of Divinity or another Theology program to aid in educational costs.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: \$750 awarded to one student
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Students enrolled in a theology or MDiv program.
 - Students exhibiting significant needs due to personal and/or family circumstances will be given priority consideration.
 - Will only cover educational costs.
- Additional Requirements: None.

Mel and Sallie Morasch International Memorial Scholarship

- Description: Awarded to no more than two full-time Congolese students at the Portland location.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: Between \$6,000 - \$10,000 in the upcoming academic year for eligible students.
- Eligibility /criteria:

- Eligible applicants must be actively enrolled as a full-time Congolese student in a master's level degree program at the Portland location who intends to return to the Democratic Republic of Congo upon completion of their degree.
 - Must remain a full-time student in good standing.
- Additional Requirements: The student must submit a one-page summary describing their scholarship eligibility and be willing to provide periodic updates to the donor(s) regarding their family and town/village of birth, as well as their call to ministry both in and to the Congo once they complete their degree. Finally, the scholarship recipient(s) must write a thank you card/note of appreciation to be given to the donor(s).
 - Note: This additional one-page summary can either be emailed to <mailto:FinAid@westernseminary.edu> with the subject line, "Mel and Sallie Morasch International Scholarship Application Additional Materials" or attached to the scholarship form found on the Financial Aid Grants & Scholarships webpage.

Okinawa Evangelical Mission Scholarship

- Description: A one-time scholarship to Japanese American Students.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: Approximately \$10,000 (until the fund is depleted) to be disbursed among eligible students.
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Japanese American student
 - Enrolled or admitted into a theology/ministry program
- Additional Requirements: Scholarship recipient(s) to provide a handwritten thank you card to the donor.

Steven A. Reese Memorial Scholarship

- An eligible student must be enrolled in a counseling program with a desire to serve vocationally as a counselor
- Funds are available for new and returning students
- Student must be in good standing with the seminary and be enrolled at least half time for their program.
- Each award will be \$1000 until the fund is depleted.
- Additional Requirements: Scholarship recipient(s) to provide a handwritten thank you card to the donor.

Turnbull Scholarship

- Description: The Turnbull Scholarship desires to provide a scholarship award to an outstanding student going into their final year of an academic program.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: \$1,600 awarded to one student
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Current student in their final year of their academic program
- Additional Requirements: None.

Ukrainian Student Scholarship

- Description: The Ukrainian Student Scholarship will be awarded to Ukrainian students affected and impacted by the Ukraine/Russia war.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: \$4,700 total to be disbursed among eligible students (no set limit to the number of students to be awarded) until the funds run out.
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Applicants must be Ukrainian nationals and actively enrolled in a degree program or on an authorized leave of absence
 - Must clearly demonstrate eligibility and remain in good standing
 - Applicants must be enrolled at least half time
- Additional Requirements: None.

Wiggins Scholarship

- Description: The Wiggins Scholarship will be given to a selected Western Seminary student.
- Amount of aid to be awarded: \$500 awarded to one student
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Current or enrolled student at Western Seminary.
- Additional Requirements: None

W. Robert Cook Memorial Scholarship

- Description: The Dr. W. Robert Cook Memorial Scholarship is hereby established to provide funding to students enrolled in a graduate program at Western Seminary.

- Amount of aid to be awarded: Approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000 total disbursed to eligible students in the upcoming academic year.
- Eligibility /criteria:
 - Recipients must intend to enter full-time or bi-vocational ministry upon the successful completion of their degree program.
 - Recipients must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.30
 - Recipients must demonstrate financial need, be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible degree program (MAGL, MA(BTS), MDIV, ThM, DMIN, DIS, EDD), maintain satisfactory academic progress, and remain students in good standing.
- Additional Requirements:
 - Recipients will be required to write a thank you letter to the donor that includes information regarding an update on their studies, calling, and ministry.