



Application for Presidential Scholarships

Presidential Scholarships are offered by North Park Theological Seminary (NPTS) for the purpose of helping selected degree-seeking students prepare for vocational ministry in the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). The intent is for students to pursue and complete studies at the denominational Seminary of the ECC as full- or part-time students as quickly as possible while reducing the need for student debt.

Presidential Scholarships are offered to a limited number of students who:

- Will be degree-seeking students at North Park Theological Seminary (including transfer students)
- Demonstrate a sense of call/intention to serve in vocational ministry through the ECC
- Have demonstrated a record of participation, service, and membership through the ECC

Factors considered in awarding of Presidential Scholarships include:

- Previous academic record
- Effective ministry experience in ECC congregations or ministries is considered an advantage
- Clarity and strength of call and commitment to serve through the ECC
- References (submitted with the application for admission)
- Student financial need (as indicated by the FAFSA)

Requirements that accompany the scholarship offer:

Requirements for all recipients:

- Maintain appropriate progress toward degree (varies by degree and full-time/part-time status). Part-time students are required to complete their degree within 7 years.
- Commitment to serve through the ECC for three years upon graduation.
- Cooperate with the North Park Development office in donor acknowledgment campaigns and represent North Park Theological Seminary from time to time as requested (may include thank-you note writing, submission of autobiographical information, phone calls, church visits, photo session, and permission to use photo). The Development office will communicate specific requirements to recipients of scholarship awards.
- If at some point during one's degree program a student determines they will not be serving through the ECC, the student is expected to communicate that decision/sense of calling to the Seminary Admission Office promptly.

Additional Requirements for full-time on campus students:

- Must complete the program in standard time as full-time residential students, as outlined in the catalog. Full-time is defined as 24-30 hours or more within an academic year.
- Recipients will serve 28 hours of service per semester at selected North Park and denominational offices.
- Since the scholarship is intended to enable full-time study, it is recommended that full-time students view themselves primarily as students and limit other employment or volunteer commitments.
- Participation in the life of a Covenant church while a student at North Park
- If a student changes from full-time to part-time enrollment (not taking 24-30 hours within an academic year) the student is expected to communicate this to the Seminary Admission Office; it is likely that there will be a reduction in aid.

Additional requirements specific to part-time students:

- Yearly submit a one-page report on your current ministry and/or community leadership involvement to Seminary Staff.

Information about Scholarship Awards:

Presidential Scholarships are awarded as a percentage of tuition. Presidential Scholarships vary in amount, and the most generous awards are only offered to full-time students at the Chicago campus.

Scholarship and financial aid awards assume a personal financial investment in paying for tuition and the opportunity for the student to benefit from the Seminary Church Matching Grant program. Presidential Scholarships cannot be combined with the Nyvall or Lund Scholarships, or need-based grants.

Students are responsible for field education charges, community services fees, books, psychological testing fees, counseling, insurance, rent, miscellaneous fees incurred by the student, and other personal expenses.

To Apply for a Presidential Scholarship:

1. Apply and receive an offer of admission into a degree program.
2. Complete and submit the Financial Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The North Park school code is 001735.
3. Submit scholarship application materials by April 15 (fall start) and November 1 (spring start), including two essays (A and B) for the scholarship application.
 - a. Please describe any previous and current ministry experiences; please note the ministry experiences that have been through the ECC. Include dates, locations, and church/ministry names. Indicate the number of hours per week of your commitment. Use no more than 100 words per ministry experience.
 - b. Discuss your sense of call and hopes for ministry through the ECC during and after graduation. Use between 250 and 300 words.
4. Confirm acceptance or reject the scholarship within 3 weeks of the date of the offer. A scholarship offer that is not accepted may be offered to another student.

Name _____
First *Middle* *Last*

Mailing address _____

Enrollment plans (check one):

Will you be taking classes full-time on the Chicago campus?

Yes No

Intended start date (check one):

Fall 20__ Spring 20__

I hereby apply for the Presidential Scholarship. To the best of my knowledge, all of the information I have provided to the Seminary Admission Office supporting this application and other communications is complete and accurate.

Signature

Date



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