

financial aid application

Personal Information

1. Name _____
Last First Middle/Former

2. Mailing address _____
Number, Street, and Apt # City State Zip Code Country

3. Email address _____

4. Phone numbers _____
Home _____
Cell _____

5. Date of Birth _____
Month / Date / Year

6. Place of Birth _____
City State/Province Country

7. Marital Status
 Married
 Single
 Widowed
 Divorced
 Engaged
 Date of wedding: _____

8. Number of children _____

9. Age(s) of children _____

10. Is your family currently expecting a child?
 Yes, due date: _____
 No

Citizenship Information

11. Are you a U.S. citizen or permanent resident?
 Yes
 No

12. Are you a Canadian citizen or permanent resident?
 Yes
 No

13. If you are not a U.S. or Canadian citizen, of what country are you a citizen?

14. Current U.S. visa information (if applicable)
 Visa Type J1 F1 Other _____
 Visa Exp Date _____ / _____ / _____
 Month Date Year

Course of Study

15. What is your degree program?
 Master of Divinity (M.Div)
 Master of Theological Studies (MTS)

16. Anticipated date of graduation _____
 Semester / Year

17. At the start of the next academic year, will you be a new or returning student?
 New, first time junior
 New, transfer
 Returning student
 junior middler senior

Scholarships

18. Please check next to the award(s) for which you would like to be considered

Iowa Falls Foreign Student Scholarship
 This scholarship will be awarded to a foreign student. If no foreign student applies, this scholarship may be awarded to a North American student.

Kay Ribbens-Vogelzang Scholarship for International Students
 This scholarship will be awarded to a first-year foreign student on the basis of financial need and academic transcript.

Gerrit and Kathryn Schiebout Tuition Scholarship
 This academic scholarship is awarded, upon recommendation of the Faculty, to a full-time Master of Divinity junior student (non-transfer) who receives no other academic scholarship.

Albert M. and Eleanor Rodenhouse Scholarship
 This scholarship may be given to a full-time middler or senior on the basis of personal resume and academic transcript.

Carrie Van Surksun Venema Memorial Scholarship
 This scholarship will be awarded to students on the basis of academic transcript and financial need. Preference will be given to a student from New Zealand.

Tuiniga Scholarship
 This scholarship will be awarded to a full-time Master of Divinity student with financial need preparing for the ministry in a confessionally Reformed church who exhibits Christian character and submits a suitable academic resume.

Nelson Sterken Memorial Scholarship
 This scholarship is awarded to a student enrolled in the Master of Divinity program.

Russell E. Horton Ministerial Scholarship
 This scholarship will be given to a full-time seminary student with preference given to a Master of Divinity student who is a member of the Reformed Church in America.

Roger Vander Veen Memorial Scholarship
 This scholarship will be awarded to a full-time upperclassman on the basis of personal resume, academic transcript, and financial need. Preference will be given to a Canadian student.

Albert & Janet Veddars Memorial Scholarship
 This scholarship will be given to a student on the basis of financial need.

Richard & Edna Darby Memorial Scholarship
 This scholarship is offered to a student on the basis of financial need. Preference will be given to a member of an Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Bartel Zandstra Memorial Scholarship
 This scholarship will be awarded to a student on the basis of financial need. Preference will be given to a US citizen.

Loans

19. Do you plan to apply for a loan for the upcoming academic year?

- Yes
 No

20. If yes, how much do you plan on borrowing?

\$ _____

U.S. Veteran Benefits

21. Are you a U.S. Veteran?

- Yes
 No

22. If yes, will you receive VA benefits while at Mid-America?

- Yes
 No

23. If yes, have you already set up your educational benefits with the VA?

- Yes
 No

24. Amount you will receive for the coming academic year

\$ _____

Outside Assistance

25. Do you expect to receive fund(s) and/or scholarships from:

Family yes no

Church, Classis or Presbytery yes no

In order to be eligible for financial assistance, a student applying for the Master of Divinity program should seek financial aid first from his local church, as well as his classis or presbytery prior to matriculation. Please have your deacons respond to the attached letter to verify this effort.

Other yes no

Income/Debt Information

26. How much debt do you (and your spouse) have?

Student Loans \$ _____

Other \$ _____

27. Do you anticipate working while attending Mid-America?

- Yes, _____ hours per week
 No

28. Are you seeking on-campus employment?

- Yes My spouse would like to be considered for
 No on-campus employment

28. If married, will your spouse be working?

- Yes, \$ _____ (estimated annual income)
 No

U.S. Resident Certification

I certify that I have accurately reported my finances and all other information in this application and that I will notify the Seminary of any subsequent changes. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts shall be considered sufficient cause for revocation of a scholarship.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

Non-U.S. Residents (incoming first year students only)

This form must be completed before Mid-America can issue a visa eligibility document (Form I-20). The amount of money you certify as being available to finance your studies must, along with your financial aid request, equal tuition plus living expenses for 9 months. All sources of support must be shown in U.S. dollars. Certification of funding must be submitted in English. All letters of support must be for Mid-America and not some other institution. If the Seminary finds your application for admission, financial aid application and other documentation complete, we will issue you an I-20, which you must bring with you to the U.S. Consulate.

29. Are you able to contribute to the cost of your travel and education?

- Yes
- No

30. Are various agencies in your home country able to contribute to the cost of your travel and education?

- Yes
- No

If you answered yes to question 29 or 30, please answer the next 4 questions; otherwise, skip to question 35.

31. In case of emergency, are there sources of additional funds available to you once you arrive in the United States?

- Yes
- No

32. Does your government currently impose restrictions on the exchange and release of funds for study in the United States?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe _____

33. A certification of funds in the form of a letter from a bank is required. This letter from the bank

- is enclosed
- will be sent separately

34. An official letter from any sponsoring organization or church is required if you have received a definite notice that you will receive a financial award to study in the United States. This sponsor letter

- is enclosed
- will be sent separately

35. What are your career goals and how does this degree program help you to accomplish them?

36. Do you plan to return to your country of origin at the end of your studies? Yes No

If no, please explain _____

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Dear Diaconate,

A student from your church is applying for financial aid from Mid-America Reformed Seminary. In order to be eligible for financial assistance from the Student Aid Fund, students must first seek financial aid from their local churches, and, if necessary, from the regional church.

Mid-America recognizes the financial pressures of full-time seminary study and does all it can to make it as affordable as possible. Tuition covers only a small portion of Mid-America's cost of operation. The largest portion is covered by the sacrificial giving of many of God's people. Thus, all students receive a significant amount of financial aid in the form of tuition that is deliberately less than the actual cost of their education. A limited amount of additional financial aid is available through our Student Aid Fund to assist students who demonstrate financial need.

The vocational calling of a minister of the Word is unique compared to that of, for example, an accountant. The calling of a minister is observed and confirmed by the church, and it is the church that oversees and shepherds the student in his preparation for gospel ministry. The seminary serves as a resource for the church to help the student in his preparation for the ministry (i.e. we do not take the place of the church). Since ministerial preparation is a function of the church, the church has primary responsibility for ensuring the student's welfare while he prepares for the gospel call.

Mid-America's Student Aid Fund is intended to help "bridge the gap" between what resources the church and the student are able to provide and the cost of preparation for the gospel ministry. The Student Aid Fund has been endowed over many years by the faithful giving of God's people who are devoted to seeing students prepared to steadfastly propagate of the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Student Aid Fund has limited resources to allocate to students with financial need and should be considered the final source of financial aid.

Please respond to this letter to verify that the student has sought your assistance and indicate what amount of financial assistance you are able to provide. To assist you in understanding the student's financial needs we are providing an estimate of expenses. This is just an estimate and expenses may vary depending on the student's lifestyle and circumstances.

	Married	Single
Tuition and Fees	\$8,600	\$8,600
Books	\$750	\$750
Housing	\$9,000	\$7,250
Utilities	\$2,500	\$1,500
Food	\$3,000	\$1,500
Transportation	\$1,000	\$1,000
Medical Expenses and Health Insurance	\$4,500	\$1,000
Miscellaneous	\$2,000	\$1,000
Total	\$31,350	\$22,600

Sincerely,

The Student Aid Committee
Mid-America Reformed Seminary