

## **Mid-America Reformed Seminary Alumni Council**

### **Mid-America Alumni Association Entrance Scholarship**

Proposal: The Alumni Association will award 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the scholarship (\$500-\$750) to an incoming full-time junior student based upon the following criteria:

1. A list of involvement in ministry-related activities over the previous 2-3 years;
2. Financial need as determined and verified by the seminary;
3. A telephone interview with two members of the executive council who have not had any previous involvement with the applicant. This telephone interview shall include:
  - review and assessment of previous ministry experience;
  - delineation of future ministry aspirations;
  - rationale for selecting Mid-America Reformed Seminary.

The scholarship would be awarded to an incoming student who demonstrates in word and deed an aptitude for pastoral ministry, along with a consideration of financial need. Financial need, however, will be a secondary consideration in awarding this scholarship.

### **Mid-America Alumni Association Scholarship for Pastoral Ministry**

Proposal: The Alumni Association will award 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the scholarship (\$1000-\$1500) to a full-time upperclassman (2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> yr) based upon the following criteria:

1. A list of involvement in ministry-related labors over the previous 2-3 years including 2 references from supervisors in ministerial labor;
2. Demonstration of academic aptitude as determined by the applicant's seminary transcript. Applicants should ordinarily have a grade point average of 3.0 or above;
3. One audio file of a sermon delivered by the applicant during a service of corporate worship. The sermon should be chosen from one of the selected genres and passages: (1) Judges 17 or Numbers 17 (OT Narrative); (2) Psalm 23 or Lamentations 3:19-33 (OT Writings); (3) Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Hosea 11 (OT Prophetic); (4) Mark 4:35-41 or John 3:16-21 (NT Gospel); (5) Romans 6:1-14 or 2 John 4-11 (NT Epistle); Lord's Day 10 or Lord's Day 46 (Catechetical Sermon).

The sermons would be listened to by each member of the executive council and given a grade from 1-5 [1 = poor; 2 = below average; 3 = average; 4 = above average; 5 = excellent]. The two applicants with the highest scores on the sermon evaluations shall also be evaluated in terms of ministry-related activities in order to determine the recipient of the award. Evaluation of ministry-related activities will include contact with the MAP director of Mid-America regarding feedback from summer assignments and potential follow up with the references provided in the application.

This scholarship shall be open to all middle and upperclassmen (i.e. those entering their second or third year in the fall).