LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH - Scholarship Program

Purpose

The Elder Board of LHCC created a special scholarship program for seminary students to:

1. Encourage those who have been called to pursue vocational ministry as a career.
2. Help maintain focus on academics, degree completion, and ministry.
3. Attract new and develop current LHCC staff members.

The scholarship award is intended to provide financial support to seminarians for costs related to tuition, books, and other expenses incurred during their time of education.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be seeking a ministry/pastoral degree at an approved graduate institution (e.g., Association of Theological Schools accredited or otherwise approved by the LHCC Scholarship Committee).
- Must be a current or past LHCC staff/intern.
- Commitment to pursuing vocational ministry as a career.
- Exceptions to the above criteria may be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Scholarship Award Details

The annual total scholarship fund budget will be determined by the Elder Board, but the distribution of the scholarship dollar amount will be determined by the LHCC Scholarship Committee. Scholarships will be awarded annually (in early fall) to selected recipients in a lump sum, with the total amount intended to cover the entire academic year.

If an applicant is selected to receive the scholarship award, funds for tuition will be paid directly to the seminary school designated by the recipient. For non-tuition-related items such as books, equipment, etc., funds may be given directly to the recipient in compliance with the IRS tax code and regulations.

Selection Process

The LHCC Scholarship Committee will determine final recipients based on:

- Financial Need // Merit – Community & Academic Credentials // Potential as a Ministry Leader

Application Process

- Complete the application form on the following pages and email it to both Elders Andrew Song (Andrewsong777@gmail.com) and Dooro Park (doopark13@gmail.com)
- The committee will notify the applicant for an interview if needed.
- To complete the evaluation process, the applicant must provide a current grade report/transcript. For entering first-year students, the applicant must provide a class schedule for the upcoming term.
- Scholarship will not be renewed automatically. Applicants must annually apply in the fall for the upcoming academic year.
- Receipts may be requested for expenses outside of tuition costs.

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Name	
Date	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

Church Membership

Are you a current member of Living Hope Community Church? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, Member Since: _____

Are you a former LHCC staff member or intern? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, Position: _____ From: _____ to _____

Ministry Goals

Provide a brief description below. For renewing applicants, please share how your ministry goals may have changed or evolved over the past year.

Living Itemized Expenses

September of Current Year – August of Next Year

Rent/Mortgage (including property tax & insurance)	$ _____
Utilities	$ _____
Food	$ _____
Auto Expenses (payment, gas, insurance)	$ _____
Health Insurance	$ _____
Total Personal Expenses	$ _____

Graduate Education & Academic Information

Name of Graduate Institution	
Name of Degree Program & Current Year	
Current GPA	
Program Start Date / Projected Graduation Date	
School Term (for requested award)	

List all courses registered for (requested term only):

Course / Unit	Details

Academic Expenses

September of Current Year – August of Next Year

Total # of Course Units	
Projected Total Tuition Cost	$ _____
Projected Textbooks Cost	$ _____
Other (please specify)	$ _____
Total Academic Expenses	$ _____

Itemized Household Income

September of Current Year – August of Next Year

Pre-tax Income from Current Employment (combined income if more than one job)	$ _____
Spouse Pre-tax Income	$ _____
Assistance from Family/Friends	$ _____
Personalized Non-Retirement Savings (incl. liquid assets)	$ _____
Other Income (e.g., scholarships, grants)	$ _____
Estimated Total Income	$ _____

Additional Information

To assist us in evaluating your application, feel free to provide any additional information regarding your financial needs (e.g., special circumstances).

Applicant Agreement

The purpose of the LHCC Scholarship Fund is to further the education of persons with clear intent to pursue vocational ministry. In accepting the LHCC Scholarship Fund, I agree to pursue the completion of my seminary education. To fulfill my obligation as a ministry student graduate, I am committed to seeking opportunities for full-time ministry upon my graduation. By signing this form, I also affirm that all information reported herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature	
Date	