

LIVING HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 2023-24 ACADEMIC YEAR

Purpose:

The Elder Board of Living Hope Community Church 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 ministry/pastoral degree at an approved graduate institution (ie. Association of Theological Schools accredited or otherwise approved by LHCC Scholarship Committee)
- Must be a current member 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 lump sum, with the total amount intended to cover the entire academic year.

Selection Process: The LHCC Scholarship Committee will determine final recipients based on the following criteria:

1. Financial Need
2. Merit – Community & Academic Credentials
3. Potential as a Ministry Leader

If an applicant is selected to receive the scholarship award, the 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 to the recipient directly (in compliance with the IRS tax code and regulations).

Application Process

1. **Complete the application form on the following pages and email to Danny Hong @ dhongcqu@yahoo.com by Friday, August 31st**
2. Committee will notify the applicant for an interview if needed.
3. To complete the evaluation process, the applicant must provide his/her current grade report/transcripts. For entering first year students, he/she must provide class schedule for the upcoming term.
4. Scholarship will not be renewed automatically. Applicant will need to submit application annually in the fall for the upcoming academic year.
5. Receipts may be requested for expenses outside of tuition costs.

Graduate Education & Academic Information	
Name of Graduate Institution	
Name of Degree Program & Current Year (1 st or 2 nd etc)	
Current GPA	
Program Start Date / Projected Graduation Date	
School Term (for requested award)	
List All Courses Registered For (requested term only):	
Academic Expenses (Sept 2023 – Aug 2024)	
Total # of Course Units	
Projected Total Tuition Cost	\$
Projected Textbooks Cost	\$
Other (please specify) _____	\$
Total Academic Expenses (Sept 2023 – Aug 2024)	\$
Living Itemized Expenses (Sept 2023 – Aug 2024)	
Rent/Mortgage (including property tax & insurance)	\$
Utilities	\$
Food	\$
Auto Expenses (payment, gas, insurance)	\$
Health Insurance	\$
Total Personal Expenses (Sept 2023 – Aug 2024)	\$

Itemized Household Income (Sept 2023 – Aug 2024)	
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 (eg. scholarships, grants)	\$
Estimated Total Income (Sept 2023 – Aug 2024)	\$

Reference Information (required from each category shown below; only for first time applicants):

Please have person writing the reference send the letter directly to dhongcgu@yahoo.com

Required reference letters: (letter should include name, telephone, email address of the author of the letters)

1. Pastor
2. Ministry partner

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

Additional Information

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 ministry student graduate, I am committed to seek 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 _____