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LEADERS OF MULTICULTURAL FAITH COMMUNITIES INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS STM?

The School of Theology and Ministry at Seattle University prepares women and men for leadership roles in parishes and faith communities. It offers three degree programs that can be completed on either a full or part-time basis. The Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle and ten Protestant religious denominations and associations work through STM to educate and form ministers for their faith communities.

WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP FOR LEADERS OF MULTICULTURAL FAITH COMMUNITIES?

Scholarships for Leaders of Multicultural Faith Communities are awards of up to $1,900 per quarter (based on 6 credits) or $7,600 per year for two years. Seattle University has created these special scholarships to recognize outstanding candidates for graduate study who are members of under-represented populations. Recipients will be selected from those individuals who meet specific eligibility requirements, demonstrate leadership in their ministry, and are unable to complete the program without financial support. The under-represented populations targeted for funding are African-Americans, Native-Americans, Hispanics, and Asian/Pacific Islanders.

Because the scholarships are designated for two years only, it is ideal for students enrolled in the MAPS program. Recipients of this scholarship are not eligible for other SU aid such as grants, scholarships, or discounts. However, students are eligible for graduate assistantships and other **federal aid**. Students enrolled in MDIV and MATS are eligible for this scholarship, however, the scholarship may not be renewed after two years. Renewals may be made on an exceptional need basis. After two years, students are encouraged to apply for other STM or university aid.

HOW DO I KNOW IF I'M ELIGIBLE?

Scholarship recipients must meet the following criteria:

- ❑ Be a U.S. citizen, a U.S. National, or have permanent residency status;
- ❑ Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the U.S. or the equivalent from a college or university anywhere else in the world (transcripts are required);
- ❑ Be a member of one of the four cultural/ethnic target groups;
- ❑ Be interested in ministry and graduate education;
- ❑ Additional requirements as listed in the graduate bulletin.

After admission to graduate school, candidate must have an interview with the STM dean.

IS IT POSSIBLE FOR ME TO CONTINUE WORKING AND STILL ATTEND STM?

Yes. Almost all STM students work, the vast majority full-time. Classes are available in the evenings, on weekends, and in two-week summer intensives as well as during day hours.

WHAT DEADLINES DO I HAVE TO MEET?

April 1st is the deadline. On this date, STM needs to have all of your application materials for the graduate programs as well as your application for the Scholarship for Leaders of Multicultural Faith Communities.

IF I HAVE OTHER QUESTIONS, WHO SHOULD I CALL?

- ➢ Call STM at 296-5338 OR 1-800-578-3118 and speak to the Financial Aid Coordinator.

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Graduate Scholarship for
LEADERS OF MULTICULTURAL FAITH COMMUNITIES APPLICATION

DUE DATE
April 1st

*****IMPORTANT** Please attach a copy of the page indicating Adjusted Gross Income from the current year's income tax form and submit with this application. This application will not be processed unless an income tax form is included.***

The Graduate Scholarship for Leaders of Multicultural Faith Communities recognizes outstanding candidates who are members of under-represented populations in Seattle University's Graduate Programs. Recipients will be evaluated based on their biographical statements included in their STM application. The biographical statements will be reviewed for the following criteria:

1. The candidate's fit with the Jesuit mission and the philosophy and mission of STM;
2. Provides evidence of excellence in practice or leadership in Ministry;
3. Plans to work with an under-served vulnerable population after completion of the program;
4. Affirms membership in an under-represented group (cultural/racial/ethnic) and evidence of financial need. Under-represented groups are defined as African-American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic, and Native American.

Scholarship applicants must provide the following information to document financial need:

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Please indicate ethnic or cultural community of which applicant is a member

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Name *Social Security Number*

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Address *City* *State* *Zip*

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Home Phone *Work Phone*

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STM Program and Degree Sought *Date of Entry to Program and proposed Completion Date (from-to)*

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Applicant's Occupation *Spouse's Occupation*

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Applicant's Employer *Spouse's Employer*

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Applicant's Annual Income before Taxes as Reported on IRS Income Tax Form *Spouse's Annual Income before Taxes as Reported on IRS Income Tax Form*

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Net Assets (Exclude home, car and retirement funds) *Number of Dependents (Including spouse and self)*

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Please address the following items (attach a separate sheet if necessary):

1. Describe your experience within multicultural communities.

2. Please include other circumstances you would like us to consider when reviewing your request for financial assistance.

3. Additional comments you would like us to consider in reviewing this application.

The information above is accurate. By signing this, I understand that this information is for use by the School of Theology and Ministry for the purposes of awarding tuition aid only. If I am selected to receive a School of Theology and Ministry Scholarship, I authorize Seattle University to share information about me with the donors or their representatives.

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Applicant Signature *Date*