



Beloved Disciple Seminary Scholarships

The intention of these scholarship awards is to attract talented and dedicated students to the ministry and to encourage them to pursue careers within the priesthood. Presently this program consists of five (5) awards for which students may apply.

Of these five, the Beloved Disciple Seminary awards two (2) Divine Beloved Scholarships. The scholarship consists of a 50% reduction in all course fees, and does not include any other fees.

Additionally, the Presiding Bishop and Matriarch, in collaboration with the Beloved Disciple Scholarship Committee, administers two (2) Vernell E. Hope Scholarships. The Vernell E. Hope Scholarship is given annually to two (2) candidates who express a sincere desire to enter into the priesthood. It is a discretionary scholarship awarded by the Presiding Bishop or her appointed representative. The criteria for award includes financial need and requires submission of an essay.

The final scholarship, the St. Stephen Scholarship, is open to anyone who is engaged in active lay ministry within the Contemporary Catholic Church. It consists of a 50% reduction of course tuition, but does not include any other fees, inclusive of seminary application fees. The scholarship does, however, provide a 10% reduction in costs associated with attending the Contemporary Catholic Church synod.

Inquiries about any scholarship provided to seminarians at the Beloved Disciple Seminary should be sent to:

Application_committee@beloved-disciple.org

Hard copies of the application and all supplemental materials should be mailed to:

Beloved Disciple Seminary
1300-G El Paseo Blvd, Ste 187
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Scholarships

St. Stephen Scholarship

The St. Stephen Scholarship is available only to active Lay Ministers in the Contemporary Catholic Church. The scholarship consists of a 50% reduction in all course fees, and does not include any other fees. It also includes a 10% reduction in costs associated with attending the annual church synod.

Eligibility for the St. Stephen Scholarship

1. The St. Stephen Scholarship is available only to active lay ministers within the Contemporary Catholic Church, regardless of how long they have been affiliated with the jurisdiction.
2. Applicant should have a genuine interest in a career in the ministry as demonstrated by community service or mission-based ministerial experiences.
3. Applicant must submit a letter of request for the scholarship.
4. Applicant must submit a letter of support from their local parish priest in the Contemporary Catholic Church.

St. Stephen Scholarship Applications must include:

1. The completed official Beloved Disciple Seminary application form,
2. Your current resume (resumes must include any extracurricular activities and/or work experience and should include activities where leadership potential and spiritual direction can be assessed),
3. A letter of request which also addresses the nature of your ministry and how you are currently contributing to enhancing the well-being of others,
5. A current copy of the applicant's academic transcripts or other documentation of academic performance.

Divine Beloved Scholarship

The Divine Beloved Scholarship is available only to active members of the Contemporary Catholic Church who have been on active status for at least one year. The scholarship consists of a 50% reduction in all course fees, and does not include any other fees. In addition, the student must have completed at least seven (7) credits through the Beloved Disciple Seminary with a grade of "B" or above.

Eligibility for the Divine Beloved Scholarship

1. The Divine Beloved Scholarship is available only to active members of the Contemporary Catholic Church who have been on active status for at least one year.
2. The student must have completed at least seven (7) credits through the Beloved Disciple Seminary with a grade of "B" or above. Applicant must be a full-time student in the Beloved Disciple Seminary.
3. Applicant should have a genuine interest in a career in the priesthood as demonstrated by parish, community service or related experiences and/or demonstrable plans to pursue such experience during their pastoral training.
4. Applicant should demonstrate leadership abilities.
5. Applicant must submit a letter of request for the scholarship.

Divine Beloved Scholarship Applications must include:

1. Your current resume (resumes must include any extracurricular activities and/or work experience and should include activities where leadership potential and spiritual direction can be assessed),
2. A statement of philosophy of spiritual discipline and personal and professional goals,
3. A short essay (under 300 words) on why you are interested in working in the ministry and what you will contribute to enhancing the well-being of others,
4. Two letters of recommendation which address spiritual direction, leadership potential and career commitment—one letter each from the applicant's spiritual advisor, and an instructor or another individual who knows the student well.
5. A current copy of the applicant's academic transcripts or other documentation of academic performance.

Vernell E. Hope Scholarship

The Vernell E. Hope Scholarship is given annually to a maximum of two candidates who express a sincere desire to enter into the priesthood. It is a discretionary scholarship awarded by the Presiding Bishop/President of the Seminary or her appointed representative. The criteria for award includes financial need and requires submission of an essay. Full information about the scholarship may be found at http://www.beloved-disciple.org/v_scholarship.html

Eligibility for the Vernell E. Hope Scholarship

The Vernell E. Hope scholarship is available to anyone who is theologically, socially, and biblically liberal, and is seeking ordination within the Contemporary Catholic Church. The scholarship committee's preference is for candidates for the pastoral social services ministry, although all applications will be considered.

Scholarships are awarded based on merit and need. They are granted usually for one or two years depending on the duration of the pastoral training program. Scholars are expected to maintain at least a "B" average for the duration of the grant. For Grants to be renewed, scholars must make satisfactory grades and request an extension of funding at least 3 months in advance of need.

The Vernell E. Hope Scholarship covers 75-100% of the cost of tuition for the complete duration of the award. Scholars are responsible for the costs of all other educational expenses, including application fee, books, and liturgical supplies.

There is no scholarship deadline.

Candidates must complete and submit the Seminary Application, and all allied documents, including application admissions fee, in addition to the Scholarship Application form.

Additional requirements are: Two recommendation letters, a brief statement of financial need, and an 5-10 page essay which should include:

- *The world view/philosophy by which you guide your life
- *Your areas of service in ministry and the community
- *Your history of worship and spirituality, including esoteric training,
- *Your future goals in ministry
- *How this Seminary training will help you to accomplish your goals.

Interviews will be completed within two weeks of receipt of completed applications for scholarship; candidates will be notified of a decision within one month of the interview date.

Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Mailing Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Email Address: _____

Alternative Email Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____

Business Telephone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Date of Birth: _____

I am applying for the following scholarship(s):

_____ St. Stephen _____ Beloved Disciple _____ Vernell E. Hope

Relevant Information you would like the scholarship committee to consider: