



LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Canadian Challenge Scholarship

Information Letter

Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) in Saskatoon, is challenging exceptional students who have strong academic and servant leadership potential to prepare for a life-changing ministry of the Gospel.

Value:

LTS will consider awarding three (3) Challenge Scholarships per academic year, each with a maximum value of

1. \$40,000 over two years* to a student who is accepted into the Master of Theological Studies (MTS) program at the Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon (\$20,000 per year), or
2. \$50,000 over 4 years* to a student who is accepted into the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program at the Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon (\$20,000/year in years 1 and 2, and \$5,000/year in years 3 and 4).

Eligibility:

The purpose of the LTS Challenge Scholarship Programme is to ensure that high-quality candidates for church leadership, in paid or unpaid, formal or informal positions, are able to receive thorough training with minimal concern for finances. Awards will reflect these priorities.

1. Applicants must be a member of a Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELIC).
2. Applicants must have a post-secondary degree from a recognized university, or equivalent acceptable to the Seminary (for example, a completed Prior Learning Assessment Recognition (PLAR) or transcripts from a technical school), with a minimum 80% overall Grade Point Average (or equivalent).
3. Applicants must be admitted to full-time studies in the MTS or MDiv programmes at LTS, with a minimum course-load of 7 (3-credit) courses per year. Students must sustain an overall average of 75% for each academic year for courses applied to the degree.
4. Approved candidates who receive the Challenge Scholarship may take no more than 2 courses during their degree program at another theological school, and ONLY at the discretion of and with the pre-approval of the LTS faculty.
5. Priority will be given to applicants with an interest in the life of the church and a commitment to its future. This will be demonstrated through identifying examples of church involvement on the application form, through the submission of an essay on "My Hopes for the Church for Today and Tomorrow," and through the provision of three letters of reference supporting the applicant's candidacy for the scholarship.

Application Process:

1. Apply to Lutheran Theological Seminary for the MTS or MDiv programs online at: <https://lutherantheological.ca/admissions/how-to-apply> if you have not already done so.
2. Apply for the Challenge Scholarship by filling out the application form, accessible on this webpage (<https://lutherantheological.ca/admissions/awards-and-scholarships>), and submit it, along with an essay of approximately 2,500 words, on “My Hopes for the Church for Today and Tomorrow,” to the Registrar at registrar.lts@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca, by mail to:

The Registrar,
Lutheran Theological Seminary
1121 College Drive,
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0W3

3. Provide three letters of reference to be sent directly to the Registrar of LTS (the letters of reference accompanying your MTS or MDiv program application will be accepted.)
4. Have an official copy of your university and/or college transcripts sent directly to the registrar of LTS via email or surface mail (the transcripts accompanying your MTS or MDiv program application will be accepted).
5. The deadline for completed applications for a Challenge Scholarship is June 30 for the 2024-2025 academic year.
6. Challenge Scholarships are voted upon by the LTS faculty.

Approval:

1. Approved candidates will receive notification of their award no later than July 10th in the year prior to beginning their program.

Other:

1. Lutheran Theological Seminary Saskatoon does not offer any additional financial aid, scholarships or bursaries to any student who receives the Challenge Scholarship. LTS also reserves the right to change or modify this program at its discretion.
2. *The Challenge Scholarship will pay for tuition and other school fees FIRST, with the remainder of the funds then released to the student over the course of the program. In any case where a student’s progress is insufficient to ensure completion within their designated program length, funds may be withheld to cover later tuition and fees.

If you would like further information about the Challenge Scholarship, please contact the Registrar at registrar.lts@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca.