

Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship Application

An entering MDiv student may be named a Bexley Seabury Scholar. Applicants should be interested in pursuing ministry and who demonstrates a strong commitment to pursuing such ministries within the Anglican tradition.

This scholarship is a need-based scholarship intended to cover the cost of tuition and fees associated with the pursuit of the Master of Divinity degree. This is a “top up” scholarship which will make up the difference between what your diocese has committed to offering you in support and the cost of tuition and fees for the courses leading to an MDiv. The scholarship covers a total of 81 credits, which may be pursued full or part time. Though preference will be given to those just starting their degree, transfer students may also apply and may be granted a scholarship for their remaining degree requirements. Students must remain in good academic standing to retain the scholarship.

Eligibility

Applicants for the Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship must:

- exhibit a commitment to ministry in the Episcopal Church;
- have a GPA of B or above in their previous academic work;

Bexley Seabury will give preference to applicants who could not otherwise afford seminary, and who will thrive academically in the kind of contextual program that Bexley Seabury offers. The seminary encourages students from underrepresented communities to apply.

Application Procedure and Requirements

Applications for the Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship must include the following and **must be submitted by June 15th** of the calendar year in which studies are to begin:

- At least two recommendations on behalf of the applicant, using the Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship recommendation form (below) and submitted directly to Bexley Seabury by the recommenders. Recommendations may be made by individuals who have also submitted letters of recommendation for admission to the MDiv degree program.
- A personal essay (of approximately 1000 words) that directly addresses qualifications to be a Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship recipient. Applicants may choose to submit an audio or video recording of the equivalent (7-10 minutes) in place of a written essay.
 - Please describe what you see as the church’s greatest need in your context, and how might the church be called to respond, creatively and faithfully.
- A completed FAFSA application (for purposes of income verification);
- If you are a postulant or thinking about pursuing a possible call to holy orders in the Episcopal church you must also request to be submitted on your behalf a signed letter (on official letterhead) from your Bishop or the Chair of your Diocesan Commission on Ministry, indicating that they (1) are aware of your application for admission to Bexley Seabury Seminary’s MDiv program and of your plans to study full time here for three years; (2) are aware of your application to receive the Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship; and (3) support (or do not oppose) your decision to study at Bexley Seabury Seminary as a Bexley Seabury Scholar.

Please submit all scholarship application materials and direct any questions to:

Office of Admissions

Bexley Seabury Seminary

1407 East 60th Street,

Chicago, IL 60637

(773) 380-7045

admissions@bexleyseabury.edu

Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship Recommendation Form

Must be submitted to Bexley Seabury no later than June 15.

NAME of APPLICANT:

RECOMMENDED BY:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Relationship to the Applicant:

Organization or Congregation:

Position or Title:

Please read the Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship description and eligibility requirements below and answer the following questions as fully as possible.

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1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity(-ies)?

2. Based on your personal knowledge, please describe in some detail the applicant's commitment to ministry in or with the Episcopal Church. What gifts and promise do they display?

3. Based on your knowledge and experience of the applicant, please explain why you believe they are a good candidate for the Bexley Seabury Scholar Scholarship, and how they would flourish at Bexley Seabury.