LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

**GRANT PROGRAM 2019**

**THE PROGRAM:** The Leadership Scholarship Plan **(LSP)** was initiated to provide financial assistance to students pursuing post-secondary educational studies in approved schools. The LSP program is funded jointly by Lorne Park Foundation and The Free Methodist Church in Canada Giving Stream donations, and is administered by the Leadership Development office.

**COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY GRANT:** Ministerial students will receive grants subject to the recommendation of the local Official Board and the approval of the Leadership Scholarship Committee. Ministerial students are to be involved in ministry in a local Free Methodist church where they are attending school, or their home church. Ministry experience while at school should be documented by the applicant and reported to their sponsoring Official Board.

Scholarships may be awarded by the Director of Leadership Development to candidates for ministry pursuing educational opportunities at a non-approved bible college or seminary, in consultation with the official board of the local church and the LSP Committee. The amounts will be equal to the college or university grants, depending on the school to which the student applies. ***If you feel this option may fit your circumstances personally, please include in your first application package a written explanation as to why you are choosing to study at a non-approved school.***

**Approved Colleges and Universities:**

* Acadia Divinity College, (Acadia University),

 Montreal, QC

* Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA
* Briercrest Bible College, Caronport, SK
* Central College, McPherson, KS
* Greenville College, Greenville, IL
* Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, NY
* Rocky Mountain College, Calgary, AB
* Tyndale College, Toronto, ON
* Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA
* Spring Arbor College, Spring Arbor, MI
* Trinity Western University, Langley, BC

**Funding Level for Ministerial Students:** LSP applicants will receive scholarship amounts based on a funding formula which can cause the amounts available for students to fluctuate semester to semester and year to year.  This calculation is based each semester upon the number applicants, the number of credits taken by each applicant, and the amount of funding received through the Lorne Park Foundation and FMCiC Giving Stream donations.  LSP scholarship funds awarded to students are capped at the actual amount of the tuition paid by each student.

**SEMINARY GRANT:** Seminary students will receive grants subject to the recommendation of their regional Ministerial Education, Guidance and Placement Committee.

**Approved Canadian Seminaries:**

* Associated Canadian Theological Schools (ACTS), Langley, BC
* Briercrest Biblical Seminary, Caronport, SK
* École de Théologie Évangélique de Montréal (partnered with Université de Montréal,) Montréal, QC
* Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, ON

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**Approved John Wesley Seminary Foundation (JWSF) Institutions are:**

* Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, KY
* Azusa Pacific University, Graduate School of Theology, Azusa, CA
* Northeastern Seminary, Rochester, NY
* Wesley Biblical Seminary, Jackson, MS
* Western Evangelical Seminary, Portland, OR

**Funding Level for D. Min / PhD Students:** Those applying for funding for Doctor of Ministry or PhD studies are required to write proposal on how their studies will impact the mission and vision of the FMCiC. This proposal needs to be submitted with the application package the first time a student applies for funding for D.Min/PhD studies. The Director of Leadership Development in consultation with the LSP Committee will make a recommendation for approval of the applicant’s studies and will consult with the Regional Ministerial Education Guidance and Placement committee where it deems necessary. The applicants will receive scholarship amounts based on a funding formula which can cause the amounts available to students to fluctuate semester to semester and year to year.  This calculation is based each semester upon the number applicants, the number of credits taken by each applicant, and the amount of funding received through Giving Stream donations.  LSP scholarship funds awarded to students are capped at the actual amount of the tuition paid by each student.

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**SERVICE / PAYBACK ARRANGEMENT:** (The following policy applies to all students who receive LSP funding.)

Grants are given with the expectation that all students receiving financial assistance will serve the Church in a meaningful way for a minimum five years after their studies are complete. Service includes ministerial service with FMCIC, service as an approved missionary or VISA worker or Chaplain, involvement in denominational ministry or active involvement in a leadership capacity as a member of a local congregation of FMCIC.

The amount of the grant received will be reduced by twenty per cent for each year of service, with service as defined above. In the case of scholarship recipients who cannot fulfill part or all of the five-year minimum service obligation, the assistance received will be considered to be a loan to be repaid. The grant is repayable to The Free Methodist Church in Canada over five years. Repayment is to begin six months after the completion of studies. A deferment of repayment may be requested if studies continue at a non-approved institution or if other circumstances warrant.

**SOURCE OF LSP FUNDING:** The LSP grant program is a continuation of the ministry of Lorne Park Foundation. The LPF continues to provide approximately one-half of the funds required for LSP each year from the capital asset income of Lorne Park Foundation. The balance of the funding comes from Free Methodist churches across Canada through the Leadership Development Giving Stream.

**OTHER AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS**

**1. John Wesley Seminary Foundation (JWSF) -** Canadian FM students attending a JWSF institution who are at least Ministerial Candidates may receive a JWSF scholarship funded by LSP amounting to approximately $2,340 per year or $190 per semester hour. The LSP application may be considered as an application for this scholarship.

**2. Special Scholarship Funds -** The Free Methodist Church in Canada and Lorne Park Foundation also administer several special scholarships. Students may apply for these scholarship from the website at this link: <https://www.fmcic.ca/special-scholarships/> **For more information contact Susan DePlanché, Credentialing Coordinator, by email at** **susan.deplanche@fmcic.ca** **or cell phone 289-228-1225.**

**HOW CAN APPLICATIONS BE MADE?**

LSP application package forms are downloaded from our web site at this link: <https://www.fmcic.ca/lsp/> Complete all four pages of the application package and then send the package to Davika Dotson at the Ministry Centre:

Scan and email (preferred) to: davika.dotson@fmcic.ca / OR fax to: 905-848-2603 / OR mail to:

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4315 Village Centre Court, Mississauga, ON L4Z 1S2

All undergraduate (college/university) applicants need to be recommended by their church Official Board with their pastor’s signature on the second page of the application form. Graduate and Post-graduate (Masters/ Seminary/ D.Min, PhD, etc.) applicants need to be approved by the Director of Leadership Development in consultation with the Regional MEGaP committees.

**A NEW COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR EACH SEMESTER**. The deadlines dates are: February 15 for courses taken during the Winter Semester and October 15 for courses taken during the Summer and/or Fall Semester. Cheques are usually issued about six weeks after the deadline date for LSP.

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| **ALL FOUR PAGES OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST BE *COMPLETE* WHEN IT IS RECEIVED AT THE MINISTRY CENTRE. ANY INCOMPLETE APPLICATION PACKAGE WILL NOT QUALIFY FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR THAT SEMESTER. NO RETROACTIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS WILL BE DISBURSED.** **APPLICATION PACKAGES RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE DATES** **WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE LSP COMMITTEE.** |