



ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Justice-driven education for Christian leadership

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION 2023-24

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ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE BURSARY FUND

St. Andrew's College provides student financial aid through a variety of bursary and other funds. Some support is provided by interest on designated bursary endowments and some by donations from individuals, pastoral charges, and units of United Church Women (UCW). Other funds are funds administered by the United Church and still others by bequests administered elsewhere. The major designated bursaries are described below. Please be aware that availability of each scholarship or bursary may change at any time.

All St. Andrew's College program students are automatically awarded the "Friends of St. Andrew's Bursary" for each course registration. This is automatically applied to the students Populi account upon registration.

In addition, **the College provides money that is allocated on the basis of emergent student financial need.** Students should apply to the College's Financial Aid Officers at the beginning of the fall semester for any anticipated financial aid required for the following academic year. **Please see "8. Financial Aid Pool" below for more information.** Students are also encouraged to contact their home pastoral charges, their home Region, as well as service organizations for supplemental financial assistance.

In the event that a third party institution provides financial aid to the College on behalf of a student, the funds are retained in the student's Populi account to be applied to tuition (outstanding balances are the first to be paid), unless otherwise directed by the funding agency.

Financial aid applications and the administration of financial aid is separate from academic matters, strictly the financial aid officers and the administrators of the college are aware of any applications and administration of awards. Privacy is respected and faculty is not made aware of financial decisions other than awards that are chosen by faculty.

For counselling for Candidates and their families are available through the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). A brief description is below (#9).

1. Master of Divinity and Master of Theological Studies Tuition Relief

Upon application, MDiv and MTS students may have tuition costs covered up to 27 credit units. Applications are available on the College www.standrews.ca or from the Registrar.

2. Lifelong Learning Rural Context Bursary

Upon application, Lifelong Learning students who are engaged in a rural area will be given an additional bursary amount directly applied to their tuition fees.

3. DLM Candidate Aid Grant

This general bursary is automatically provided to DLM students and applied to the students Populi account without action by the student. The total amount varies and is pro-rated based on the number of students and the number of learning circles completed each year.

4. DLM Travel Support Grant

Travel support grants are available to students with demonstrated financial need. These grants are generously provided by the General Council Office of the United Church of Canada, through donations to the Mission and Service Fund of the United Church of Canada. An arm's length committee of St. Andrew's College reviews applications and determines travel support grant amounts. Application for travel support grants is only made once per year, but you must inform the Student Travel Support Grants Committee if you intend to ask for funding for both learning circles each year. Please submit your application for travel support grants by **February 1**. If you enter the DLM Program for an Oct/Nov learning circle, please submit your application by **September 1. Completed application form and supporting documents should be sent to da.reine@sasktel.net** This travel support grant funds are applied directly to your Populi account. The amount awarded may differ from Learning Circle to Learning Circle, depending on need and number of students. Travel support grants may be up to 2/3 of the travel costs. **More information and the application form can be found in the DLM Handbook.**

5. Book Bursary

Each student enrolled in a degree program may claim a matching grant up to \$200.00 per semester to assist in the purchase of books that are essential tools for ministry and theological study. Eligibility for the book bursary varies by program: up to six (6) semesters for students in the MDiv program and up to three (3) semesters for those in the MTS program; and two (2) semesters for students in the Doctor of Ministry program. This bursary is given on a 50/50 shared basis for books purchased for use in theological education. This bursary is not available to exchange students or DLM students. Each claim will show receipts marked paid and be approved by the student's faculty advisor. The book bursary must be submitted for books purchased in the current term of study (i.e. books purchased for a Fall term course must be submitted during the Fall term) **Forms are available from the Registrar.**

6. Financial Aid Pool

The Financial Aid Pool is intended to provide support in the event of emergent financial challenges faced by a student where those challenges have the potential to create a barrier to successful completion of a semester or year of study. They may arise from individual, family, or household

needs, educational requirements or required emergency travel. **Forms are available from the Registrar.**

The criteria upon which we will base our decision for student financial aid will be:

- Responsible use of funds previously received.
- Evidence of students' prudent use of disposable income.
- Students need for emergency financial assistance.

7. Employee Assistance Program

This fund is available to all active members of The United Church group insurance plan and their families as well as Candidates for ministry and their families. Details of the EAP, brochures and wallet cards are sent to plan members and Candidates. Questions may be directed to the General Council Human Resources Office at 416-231-5931 extension 2033.

Warren Shepell Consultants was chosen as the Church's EAP provider. They provide a hotline that is answered by Intake Counsellors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Appointments are arranged within 3-5 working days and most counselling is face to face. First time appointments and counselling, call: 1-800-387-4765; administrative matters, appointment changes, office locations, general information, call: 1-888-814-1328 or check out the Warren Shepell EAP website: www.warrenshepell.com

The EAP is a voluntary, confidential counselling and referral service designed to help with personal or work-related problems, pressures and stress before they lead to more serious difficulties. It covers such concerns as: stress, anxiety and depression, marital or other relationships, personal and emotional, childcare and eldercare, family and parenting, vocational and career, pastoral care supervision, grief, health, financial, legal, addictions.

8. Graduate Studies Fellowship

This fellowship, in the value of \$4,500 plus tuition up to the value of eight (8) regular graduate level courses for classes taken during the year of the Fellowship, was established by the Board of Regents in 1972. It is tenable for intramural studies toward the Master of Theology (ThM) degree at St. Andrew's College. The recipient will be expected to render some service within his/her discipline to a maximum of six hours per week. **Those interested in this scholarship should make application to St. Andrew's College by January 15.**

9. Sceptre Bursary

This bursary is used at the college's discretion with a focus on Christian Education endeavours.

10. Kay and Dora Nasser Bursary

An automatic bursary awarded to students in the first year of the Dual Degree program. It is the equivalent of one 3 credit course (\$675.00) and is automatically applied to the student's Populi account. Students do not apply for this award but are encouraged to write a letter of gratitude upon receiving the bursary: Kay & Dora Nasser, 350 103rd Street East, Saskatoon SK, S7N 1Z1

11. The Reverend Fredrick Passmore Fund

The Passmore Bursary Fund will be available to students who are in their "Residency" portion of their program, which will be within the final two years of their study. It will be distributed in equal amount of \$2,000 to each student applicant without means test or other criteria. Students will be given the option of receiving the money in their first or second year of residency.

Each January, eligible students will be contacted by the College Secretary to see if they are interested in receiving the funds that year. The College Secretary will provide The United Church of Canada Foundation with names, mailing addresses and SINS and the Foundation will send out the funds directly to the students. A master list will be maintained by the College Secretary as to who has received the Bursary funds.

12. Martynse Bursary

Through the generosity of Dr. H Martynse, a modest bursary is available for partners of full registrants who also wish to attend ReJUNEvation. When completing the ReJUNEvation registration form, there is an option to check a box indicating that you wish to apply for this bursary. **Please be in touch with the Registrar or College Secretary for more information.**

OTHER BURSARY SOURCES AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS WITH SPECIFIC BACKGROUNDS

NOTE: If you discover any changes have occurred, please inform the Registrar.

1. Living Skies Region (Region 4): UCW Bursary Fund

The fund assists persons who are members of a region 4 United Church community of faith and who are participants in a recognized program of preparation for pastoral ministry in the United Church of Canada **Application forms are available from the SAC Registrar or online: www.sk.united-church.ca under Resources > Funding**

2. Prairie to Pine (Region 5) Regional Council Bursary Fund

The purpose of the Prairie to Pine Regional Council Bursary Fund is to financially assist promising candidates for Order of Ministry (ordained or diaconal) who began their candidacy pathway in the Prairie to Pine Region who are registered in theological studies, as well as applications for the Designated Lay Ministry program, qualifying for leadership in the church. **Application forms are available from the SAC Registrar or online: <https://prairietopinerc.ca> under Resources > Funding. Application due May 31.**

** Students from other Regions should consult with their Regional office to determine if there are any specific Region bursaries **

3. CANADA (& Provincial) STUDENT LOANS AND BURSARIES

These loans are available through the Student Finance Office in your home province. They usually require confirmation of enrolment by the College as part of the application.

4. ESTARL Awards

ESTARL stands for "Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership." These awards provide financial assistance and encouragement to students who plan to devote their lives to some branch of

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religious service. Applicants must be in any year of Theology or Church Music, in a University or an accredited school. A local member, or members of the Order of the Eastern Star must sponsor students. They need not have Masonic-Eastern Star affiliation.

Applications are available through the recommending member. Deadlines for applications differ from province to province, but are usually late winter, early spring. A copy of the application is available through the Registrar's office. Website: <https://easternstar.org/>

For Saskatchewan: Maureen Jackiw, Secretary, ESTARL Committee, 178 Duffield Street, Moose Jaw SK S6H 5H3 phone (306) 634-3070

For Alberta: ESTARL Committee, c/o Mrs. Donna Richard: ph: 403-347-7338, derichard@shaw.ca 27 Conners Crescent, Red Deer, AB T4P 2E4 phone (403) 541-0404 or email mcphersi@cadvision.com

5. Torrance E. Bissell Bursary Fund

Purpose: Provides a bursary grant for post-high school education for the dependent children, as defined by the church's pension and group insurance plans, of active members of the order of ministry and recognized designated lay ministers in The United Church of Canada.

To apply: Applications are made through the regional council pastoral relations minister.

6. Anniversary Bursary Fund at Eglinton St. George's United Church

Eglinton St. George's United Church awards bursaries to candidates for ministry in the United Church of Canada, who are registered in a campus-based Masters of Divinity programme of a United Church Theological College. For more information about the individual awards of \$1,000, please contact the Church Office at info@esgunitied.org. The decision will take account of the financial need of the candidate, their academic achievement and statement of faith.

Application forms available from Registrar or obtained from the ESG office: info@esgunitied.org.
Subject line should state: Bursary Application

7. The Leonard Foundation

The Leonard Foundation scholarships are awarded to students enrolled or enrolling in a post-secondary institution that is a member of the association of Colleges and Universities in Canada and is open to all without restriction save and except an academic standard. An applicant must be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant. Students must be enrolled in their first undergraduate programs as a full-time student. A student is considered to be full-time if they have enrolled for a program's full year credit. Only students pursuing a B. Ed. or M.Div are eligible for continuing support. All applicants will be considered but preference will be given to children of ordained clergy, licensed elementary or secondary school teachers, Canadian military personnel, graduates of a Canadian Military College, members of the Engineering Institute that is a member of the Mining and Metallurgical Institute of Canada. Preference is also given to those who have previously received an award from the Leonard Foundation. To apply, print and application form from www.leonardfnd.org by downloading and installing the Adobe Reader, the icon for which is on the home page. **Applications are due March 1st. The application form can be forwarded for consideration only through a Nominator. Select one nearest you and call for an appointment.**

Website: <http://www.leonardfnd.org/>

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8. Alliston Foundation

The Alliston Foundation supports, among other things, students studying in theological training centres recognized by the United Church of Canada. The fund is administered by members of the congregation of St. John's United Churches, Alliston, ON. **All applications must be received by May 1st of each year, for distribution in June.**

For more information and application forms, please go to:

<https://stjohnsallistonfoundationblog.wordpress.com/>

Application forms also available from the Registrar

9. W. Norman McLeod Scholarship

The Scholarship is available to ordered ministers in the United Church of Canada for post-graduate study. Applicants in a master's (not M. Div.) or doctoral program may re-apply for two additional years. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to approve the school of study.

The McLeod Scholarship Committee will use the following criteria in relation to each applicant:

- Intention to continue serving The United Church of Canada.
- Commitment to pastoral ministry.
- Academic standing.
- Financial needs and resources.

In making its decision the Committee will also consider current special needs of the Church, such as leadership in ethnic ministries, rural ministries or women in ministry. **Applications are available from the Registrar or at this website:** <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-info/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships/>

10. St. Stephen's - Broadway Foundation Inc.

Applicants must be members of The United Church of Canada from Manitoba, Northwestern Ontario, or Saskatchewan; in or accepted into a full-time recognized program of study within the UCC. First time applicants must include a letter from the school confirming enrolment and a letter from their congregation confirming membership in and support of the applicant by that congregation. **Deadline May 15.** Applicants will be notified by July 30. Bursaries will be mailed in September. **An application form for a grant or bursary is available through the SAC Registrar or by contacting:** Secretary Treasurer, The St. Stephen's Broadway Foundation Inc., 396 Broadway Ave. at Kennedy St., Winnipeg, MB R3C 0V6.

11. Hannon Scholarship (Theology) for undergraduate students

Valued at \$3000. Open to full-time undergraduate students enrolled in a Bachelor of Arts degree program in the College of Arts and Science. To be eligible, applicants must be enrolled in, or have taken a course in economics, philosophy, or psychology; submit a statement expressing their intent to study theology (e.g. Bachelor of Theology, Master of Divinity, bible college, intent to enter a seminary upon graduation), as well as a statement describing their involvement in volunteer, university and community activities. Selection is based on academic achievement and the quality of the statements.

To apply: complete the PAWS application through the Scholarships and Bursaries Channel in PAWS and submit statement of intent to study theology and volunteer/community involvement to: asg.studentawards@usask.ca **Deadline: October 15, 2020.**

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12. Anna Jentsch-Bill Endowment Bursary

This bursary was set up as a memorial trust fund in 1994 with an initial gift of \$100. The fund was subsequently added to with generous bequest from the Estate of Anna Jentsch-Bill. Its purpose is to support women in ministry. Awards of up to \$5,000 will be provided from this fund.

Criteria:

1. The applicant must be a woman and be active in lay, ordained, or diaconal ministry. Preference will normally be given to those in paid accountable ministry.
2. The bursary will support
 - theological studies,
 - continuing education, or
 - other professional development activity.
3. The application must demonstrate how the studies, education, or professional development will enhance the applicant's capacity to provide ministry.

Please note that the application deadline is March 15. Applications are available from the Registrar or at this website: <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-info/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships/>.

13. Clifford Elliott Rural Ministry Award

This trust will provide financial support to United Church of Canada ministry personnel or laypersons: 1) who have completed an M.Div. degree or equivalent and 2) who qualify for and intend to pursue graduate theological studies for the Th.D/Ph.D. degree as first priority, or for D.Min degree studies as a second priority, with a view to:

- strengthening the learning and renewal of the whole church
- nurturing Christian faith and leadership development in the UCC and the ecumenical church and,
- fostering local communities of faith admission

Preference will be given to applicants whose studies will contribute to honouring and cultivating Canadian prairie values such as co-operation, economic justice, and respect for the land and for its peoples.

Please note that the application deadline is March 15. Applications are available from the Registrar or at this website: <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-info/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships/>

14. P.E.O. Program for Continuing Education (PCE)

The P.E.O Program for Continuing Education (PCE) is intended to provide on-time need based grants to women who are citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada for use in completing a degree or certification necessary for improving or gaining skills leading to employment. The maximum grant is \$3000. Please see this website for more information, eligibility requirements and how to apply. **Application forms are available to chapters from P.E.O Executive office, or from state, district or provincial chairman.**

For further information please check out P.E.O. website at <http://www.peointernational.org/about-peo-program-continuing-education-pce>

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15. The Elizabeth White Bursary

The late Mrs. Elizabeth White and her husband had a vision for Chinese ministry more than half a century ago. The purpose of the funding is to develop leadership within the United Church focusing on the Chinese community. Bursaries are available for full-time students to a maximum of \$5000 and for part-time students to a maximum of \$2000. The bursary is eligible to be renewed annually upon application.

Applications are available at this website: <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-info/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships/>

16. Victor Blatherwick Memorial Bursary

Created through a bequest, the Victor Blatherwick Memorial Bursary Fund is a yearly scholarship that is available to a member of The United Church of Canada who is enrolled in full- or part-time studies leading to an academic doctorate suitable for teaching in a United Church theological college. Priority will be given to a student demonstrating both financial need and academic excellence, and preference will be given to visible minority or aboriginal students. The scholarship may be awarded for multiple years to support the studies of selected candidates.

Please note that the application deadline is March 15th. Applications are available at this website: <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-info/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships/>

17. The Endowment Fund for Indigenous Post-Secondary Education

The Endowment Fund is a yearly scholarship that is available to Indigenous youth (18–29 years old) enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies. Our priority is for students demonstrating both financial need and academic excellence. The scholarship may be awarded for multiple years to support the studies of selected candidates. **The application deadline is March 15.**

Criteria:

- You are Indigenous (First Nation, Inuit, or Métis).
- You are a young person between the ages of 18 and 29.
- You are enrolled in an accredited Canadian and/or international post-secondary educational institution (university or college) in full-time studies.
- You are in financial need.
- You have demonstrated good academic performance with a minimum 2.50 grade point average.
- You have a support letter from an Indigenous community leader (a non-relative).

Applications are available at this website: <https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-info/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships/>

A committee made up of six Indigenous volunteers from across the country will review applications using a blindfold process. A blindfold process removes all identification details from your application. A decision letter will be sent to you in late May or early June. For more information please contact: Healing Programs Coordinator healing@united-church.ca

18. The Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary

The Alvin Dixon Memorial Bursary was established in memory and honour of Alvin's life, his

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dedication to the UCC and to education. The bursary will help support Indigenous students seeking to enter or continue post-secondary education or study at religious and spiritual centres. It is an annual award that is available to indigenous students enrolled in full-time post-secondary studies. The priority is for students demonstrating both financial need and academic excellence. The bursary may be awarded for multiple years to support the studies of selected candidates. **The application and all supporting documents are due September 15 each year.**

Criteria:

- You are Indigenous (First Nation-status/non-status, Inuit, or Métis).
- You are enrolled in an accredited Canadian and/or international post-secondary educational institution (university or college) in full-time studies.
- You are in financial need.
- You have demonstrated good academic performance with a minimum 2.50 grade point average.

Applications are available at this website:

<https://unitedchurchfoundation.ca/grant-info/scholarships-bursaries-lectureships/>

A committee made up of six Indigenous volunteers from across the country will review applications using a blindfold process. A blindfold process removes all identification details from your application. A decision letter will be sent to you in late November or early December. For more information please contact: Healing Programs Coordinator healing@united-church.ca

19. Martin Moser Society for Theological Studies

The bursary applicant must be a lay person of any Christian denomination who is enrolled in an ATS accredited theological school in Canada; **the bursary is \$3,000 and the deadline May 1st.** The person must be pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree in theology or theological studies in preparation for non-ordained ministries in the Canadian Church. Email completed form to: martinmoserbursary@gmail.com **Application forms available from the Registrar.**

20. Vincent Fund

Open only to members of Grace Westminster United Church, Saskatoon.

Fund is mainly for leadership development, training, Christian Education for lay people.

21. Trinity United Church Foundation Bursary

Open to those studying toward ordination in the UCC who have demonstrated financial need and academic potential (75% average in final undergraduate year.) **A single bursary of \$1,000 minimum. Application deadline, including two references, is May 31st; deadline for confirmation of acceptance into UCC theological school degree program leading to ordination is July 15th.** Applications available from The Secretary of Trinity United Church or SAC Registrar. For further information, please contact the church secretary (519) 485-0820.

Priority for this bursary: i) to a candidate sponsored by Trinity United Church Ingersoll, ii) graduates of the Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute (IDCI) iii) to graduates of other secondary schools in Oxford County, ON. iv) Should there be no eligible graduate from either IDCI or other secondary schools in Oxford County, ON, others enrolled in degree programs for the Order of Ministry in the UCC will be considered for this bursary.

22. Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion

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This scholarship is for doctoral research and travel and is open to Canadian citizens, permanent residents of Canada and students on a study permit studying in Canada. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must be a member of one of the constituent societies of the CCSR and either:

a) enrolled in a doctoral program and be studying an aspect of religious studies or theology, have successfully completed their comprehensive or major/minor field examinations, and have a thesis proposal that has been approved by their department or doctoral committee;

OR

b) have completed an earned PhD in the field of religious studies or theology, but do not have stable work in the field of their doctoral research.

Maximum scholarship amount is \$2,500. Applications are due as of the **first week in December**. Application information is available through the Registrar.

INFORMATION SOURCES

Pursue other sources of funding: Contact other businesses, organizations, labour unions, professional associations, etc. which may have unadvertised scholarships/bursary money available, particularly groups of which your family or parent(s) are members.

Yconic.com (formally studentawards.com)

“We’ve helped millions of students through yconic.com, Canada’s largest student help community. With over \$170 million in Money for School opportunities, we connect students to awards and over 825,000 other active members in a peer-to-peer community.”

<https://yconic.com>

On-line Scholarship Search Engine

Scholarships Canada: An extensive database of scholarships, student awards, bursaries and grants. You’ll also find information about student loans, applications and budget planning.

www.scholarshipscanada.com

Saskatchewan scholarships, bursaries and grants: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/education-and-learning/scholarships-bursaries-grants>

How to Apply for a Scholarship

It is important to contact each sponsor for the award(s) for which you are applying. Find out directly from the sponsor or contact for the award if the deadline listed is correct or if changes have been made.

Keep in mind the following suggestions regarding what you should know in order to secure money to help finance your higher education:

Plan Ahead

Request application forms as early as possible. Write for information well in advance of the deadline date as there may be special requirements you need to know, i.e. essays, reference letters, or copies of transcripts.

When in Doubt, Apply!

Scholarships are won in competition with other students. **This may work in your favour.** Do not hold back.

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Give the judges a chance to decide that you are qualified for an award. Apply for everything for which you are eligible. Make follow-up inquiries after your application.

Do it Right

- Give full answers to every question on the form. Mark responses with an X: no check marks, no words. Never write in the margins or outside the answer boxes. Attach a separate letter to clarify or add to the information requested.
- Make a photocopy of each completed form for future reference. You may need to refer to these documents again.
- Send your applications by registered mail or email (depending on instructions) and keep your dated receipt(s) from any courier(s) used. You may be asked to prove your mailing date.

Follow-up

Whenever you apply for an award, ask about other possible scholarship sources. Follow-up every lead.