Scholarship Opportunities and Guidelines

For many students, the matter of financing their degree is the primary factor in making the decision to pursue graduate education. Our goal is to connect you with the information, resources, and support you need to make an informed decision. For questions, please contact Rosalinda Romportl, recruitment and student services coordinator, at **gradtheology@stthomas.edu** or (651) 962-5069.

The Archbishop John Ireland Scholarship: The College of St. Thomas and The Saint Paul Seminary were founded by the visionary Archbishop John Ireland, the third bishop and first archbishop of St. Paul. The Archbishop John Ireland Scholarship honors his commitment to Catholic education and dedicated service to God's people by offering a **full-tuition** scholarship to graduating seniors or recent graduates of the University of St. Thomas. This prestigious award offers up to three qualified students an outstanding opportunity to pursue full-time graduate studies at The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity. The scholarship recipients must maintain a 3.5 GPA, continue to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of their degree, and demonstrate a commitment to service throughout their program of study. Ireland Scholars are asked to serve for the annual Ireland Lecture in addition to three additional Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity events during the academic year, each academic year.

The Master of Arts in Theology Scholarship: The Master of Arts in Theology Scholarship is awarded to up to two qualified students entering the Master of Arts in Theology (MAT) degree program. This scholarship is intended to foster our students in their vocation as theologians and their desire to serve. It covers **80 percent** of tuition costs for all required courses in the student's designated degree program. Recipients must maintain a 3.5 GPA, continue to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of their degree, and maintain a commitment to service to retain the award. MAT Scholars are asked to serve at three Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity events during the academic year, each academic year.

The Saint Paul Scholarship: Open to all degree-seeking students, this scholarship provides financial support based on academic achievement or financial need. It aims to assist students as they pursue their theological formation during their time as a student at the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity. This scholarship covers **up to 70 percent** of tuition costs for all required courses in the student's designated degree program. Recipients must continue to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of their degree and maintain a commitment to service to retain the award. Saint Paul Scholars are asked to participate in two community service events with the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity during the academic year, each academic year.

The Archdiocesan Employee Scholarship: Available to full or part-time employees of parishes, schools, and other ministries of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, this scholarship covers **up to 50 percent** of tuition costs. Recipients are expected to make satisfactory progress toward the completion of their degree and maintain a commitment to service to retain the award. They are asked to participate in one community service event with the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity during the academic year, each academic year.

Graduate Student Worker: There are several opportunities each academic year for students to work as graduate student workers in the Academic Dean's Office, Ireland Library, as research assistants, and at the University at large. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to exercise their leadership abilities and contribute to their school community. Those interested in subsidizing their education through part time work should reach out to Rosalinda Romportl, recruitment and student services coordinator, at **gradtheology@stthomas.edu** or (651) 962-5069.

This form is for current students of
The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity who wish
to apply for a scholarship. Incoming students
should apply online as part of the general application process.

Scholarship Application Form

(Please Print)

Student Name: _____ ID Number: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Scholarship(s) to which you are applying:

❏ The Archbishop John Ireland Scholarship   ❏ The Saint Paul Scholarship

❏ The Master of Arts in Theology Scholarship   ❏ The Archdiocesan Employee Scholarship

Application Process:

1. Please complete and sign the Scholarship Application Form.
2. Please write a letter indicating your desire to be considered for a scholarship. The letter should include a statement about your enthusiasm for the mission of The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity and your commitment to life-long service. In addition, please address how a scholarship will help you attain your long-term career or ministry goals
3. Please note you need to complete a FAFSA. ~~Information about FAFSA can be found at~~ http://www.stthomas.edu/financialaid/graduate/basics/applyfinaid/.
4. Upon admission, candidates will have agreed to the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct.

Finalists may be invited to interview with the committee in order to discuss their application in greater detail.

My signature certifies that I have read and understand the Scholarship Guidelines, have read and agreed to the Archdiocesan Code of Conduct, and give the Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity permission to determine and process any scholarship and financial aid for which I have applied.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form with supporting materials to: The Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity; Admissions, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105 or **gradtheology@stthomas.edu**.