How to Apply for a Partnership Scholarship

For more information and to obtain a scholarship application form, please contact the Partnership Program at (978) 646-4027 or partnership@gordonconwell.edu

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Serve the Church, Not Your Debt

The Partnership Program gives you a full-tuition scholarship during seminary, and a stewardship education you’ll use for a lifetime, allowing you to secure a world-class theological education and enter ministry less burdened by educational debt.

Don’t Come to Seminary Alone; Come With a Team

The years you spend in seminary are some of the most important, as you prepare academically and spiritually for future Christian service. It helps to have friends and family who affirm your call and undergird you with prayer and financial support.

The Partnership Program provides an exceptional opportunity to receive this vital support.

While you learn, your family, friends and a sending church can share in your seminary experience through prayer and financial support. In addition, you will gain practical ministry skills, receive education and experience in applying biblical stewardship principles, and participate in discipleship training. All of these components are important for future service in Christian leadership.

Our hope is that you will emerge from the program prepared for a lifetime of fruitful ministry, surrounded by a network of support, equipped with fundraising and stewardship skills and free from unnecessary debt.

Your Commitments

As a participant in the Partnership Program, you will agree to fulfill the following:

- Make a good faith effort to come to seminary with a sending church that has confirmed your call, agreed to pray for and communicate with you regularly, and is committed to giving at least $500 per year (suggested) to the Partnership Program Scholarship Fund.
- Identify 10 partners who will give a minimum of $45 per month* (suggested) to the Partnership Program Scholarship Fund and support you in prayer. Contributions are tax-deductible. Donor pledge form and first gift must be received by June 30.
- Complete stewardship trainings with an emphasis in biblical stewardship.
- Write a monthly news update for your prayer and financial supporters.
- Personally send occasional handwritten thank-you cards.
- Attend a financial planning seminar.
- Attend our support raising training events.

A Partnership Coordinator will orient you to your responsibilities and the administrative details of pledge gathering, monitor your progress and provide support to help you meet your commitments.

When to Apply

Candidates must submit a completed application to the Partnership Program on or before the deadlines below. Early application is strongly recommended. See back for details on how to apply.

Deadlines:
- April 15 for fall semester
- September 30 for spring semester

A completed application consists of the following:
- Partnership application, including essays
- Three letters of recommendation
- List of potential partners

A Focus on Stewardship

Seminary students frequently graduate having never learned the principles of biblical stewardship and subsequently struggle to talk about biblical stewardship and giving. If you are accepted into the Partnership Program, you will:

- Learn biblical principles of stewardship, fundraising and support maintenance, and biblical foundations of ministry support.
- Undergo practical fundraising training to prepare you to share with prospective partners the value and joy of contributing toward Kingdom work.

A Focus on Discipleship

Through the Partnership Program, you will participate in spiritual and discipleship mentoring and training events to help you grow in Christ and prepare to teach others.

An Exceptional Opportunity

The Partnership Program offers one of the seminary’s premier scholarships as well as the opportunity for others to share the privilege of sending you and staying connected with you while you are in seminary.

Eligibility

- Candidates must demonstrate academic excellence
- Program excludes MACO and Th.M. students
- Candidates must be U.S. citizens or green card holders

There is a $500 Partnership administration fee for fall and spring semesters (no fee for summer sessions). Your Partnership status is reviewed each semester and must be renewed each year on or before April 15.

“If you are thinking about applying for the Partnership Program, don’t hesitate any longer. You will receive many blessings as you see God move in your life in ways you never thought about before.”

Michael Waychowsky, Partnership Program alumnus