



LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Challenge Scholarship

Challenge Yourself. Challenge Others. Challenge the World.

Lutheran Theological Seminary (LTS) in Saskatoon is challenging exceptional students who have strong academic and servant leadership potential to prepare for a life-changing ministry of the Gospel in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Value:

LTS will offer up to 5 Challenge Scholarships per academic year with a maximum value of:

- \$50,000 over four years (\$20,000 per year for the first two years, and then \$5,000 per year for the next two years while on internship) for M.Div. students.
- \$40,000 over two years (\$20,000 per year) for MTS students.

A maximum of 15 scholarships will be offered in the next three years.

Eligibility:

The purpose of the LTS Challenge Scholarships Programme is to ensure that high-quality candidates for church leadership, in paid or unpaid, formal or informal positions, are able to receive thorough training with minimal concern for finances. Awards will reflect these priorities.

- Applicants must have a post-secondary degree from a recognized university, or equivalent acceptable to the Seminary (for example, a completed Prior Learning Assessment Recognition, or PLAR or transcripts from a technical school), with a minimum 78% overall average in courses taken.
- Applicants must be admitted to full-time studies in the M.Div. or M.T.S. programme at LTS, with a minimum course-load of 7 (3-credit) courses per year, for a total of 21 credits in the academic year. Students must sustain an overall average of 75% for each academic year for courses applied to the degree.
- Approved candidates who receive the Challenge Scholarship, may take no more than 2 courses during their degree program at another theological school, and ONLY at the discretion of and with the pre-approval of the LTS faculty.
- Priority will be given to applicants with an interest in the life of the church and a commitment to its future. This will be demonstrated through naming examples of church involvement on the application form, through the submission of an essay on

“My Hopes for the Church of Today and Tomorrow,” and through the provision of three letters of reference supporting the applicant’s candidacy for the scholarship.

- LTS is sponsored by the four Western Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Efforts will be made to ensure that Challenge Scholarship awards reflect the regions that we serve: Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario; Saskatchewan; Alberta and the Territories; and British Columbia.

Application Process:

1. Apply to Lutheran Theological Seminary for the M.Div. or MTS program online at: <http://www.usask.ca/stu/luther/apply.html>
2. Apply for the Challenge Scholarship programme by filling out the application form, <http://www.usask.ca/stu/luther/documents/Scholarship/Challenge%20Scholarship%20Application%20Form.pdf> and submitting it, along with the essay, to the Registrar at registrar.lts@usask.ca or by mail to:

Registrar
Lutheran Theological Seminary
114 Seminary Cr
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0X3

3. Submit an essay on “My Hopes for the Church of Today and Tomorrow.”
4. Provide three letters of reference to be sent directly to the registrar of LTS via email or surface mail.
5. Have an official copy of your university and/or college transcripts sent directly to the registrar of LTS via email or surface mail.
6. The deadline to apply for a Challenge Scholarship is June 30 for the 2019-2020 academic year.
7. Candidate awards are approved by the LTS faculty.

Approval:

1. Approved candidates will receive notification of their award no later than July 13th in the year prior to beginning their program.

Other:

Lutheran Theological Seminary reserves the right to offer no additional financial aid, scholarships or bursaries to any student who receives the Challenge Scholarship. LTS also reserves the right to change or modify this program at its discretion.

If you would like further information about the Challenge Scholarships, please contact the Registrar at registrar.lts@usask.ca or by mail at the address listed above.