

FAITH METHODIST CHURCH

SCHOLARSHIP FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Faith Methodist Church (Faith) believes in giving committed Christians, called to full-time Christian ministry locally, the appropriate training to serve effectively. This Scholarship is open to staff, Mission Workers and members of Faith, and applies exclusively to Theological Studies.

A. ELIGIBILITY

Applicant must fulfil the following criteria:

1. Has a clear guidance and conviction of God's call to a full-time Christian service.
2. Be active members of Faith for at least 2 years and be in Life Group.
3. Be at least 21 years of age.
4. Has passed medical and psychological tests.
5. Meets the pre-requisite of the course requirement.
6. Agrees with the doctrinal stand of the Methodist Church in Singapore.
7. Contributes to ministry and recommended by the Parish-Pastors Relations and Staff Committee (PPRSC).

B. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The scholarship is tenable at local colleges and seminaries approved by PPRSC and applies to the whole course or programme for up to 5 years.
2. All the tuition fees and any mandatory costs as stipulated by the college or seminary will be borne by Faith. It does not cover other fees for vocal classes and other non-mandatory courses offered by the college or seminary.
3. As part of the scholarship program, the student will receive a monthly allowance from Faith.

4. To support the student's spiritual growth and readiness for ministry, Faith will assign a pastoral mentor or supervisor with whom the student shall meet regularly during the course of the study.
5. The student shall not solicit funds for himself/herself from relatives or friends or accept other theological scholarships.
6. The student is required to serve his/her practical or field education with Faith unless otherwise decided by the PPRSC.
7. The student shall also submit his/her result slip to PPRSC after each semester, together with a Semester Report Form, within 30 days from the end of the semester.
8. The student must not accept employment, whether or not he/she is remunerated, or hold concurrently any other scholarship, bursary or award without the prior approval of the PPRSC.
9. Upon graduation, the student is bonded to serve in Faith for 3 years, and Faith has the first right of refusal. If there is no available position, he/she is free to serve in other churches.

C. PROCEDURES

1. Upon submission of the application, the PPRSC and PIC will meet with the Applicant to affirm his/her calling.
2. The PPRSC, in consultation with PIC, will present its recommendation to Local Church Executive Committee for approval and inform the applicant of the final decision.
3. If Faith is uncertain about the applicant's suitability, he/she may be placed on 3 months' internship program to assess his/her "fit".

D. REFUND FOR INCOMPLETION OF STUDIES

1. If the student fails to complete the studies, he/she must refund to Faith an amount equal to the scholarship received, unless otherwise decided by the Faith, in consultation with PIC.
2. If the sponsored student repeats a particular year, he/she will be responsible to pay for the course fee incurred. However, his/her scholarship will not be terminated by the church.
3. The PPRSC, in consultation with PIC, reserves the right to suspend or terminate the scholarship if:

- a. the student is found to be involved in serious misconduct;
- b. breach of the church discipline by the student;
- c. his/her behaviour is inconsistent with Christian witness; or
- d. his/her academic progress is not satisfactory.

E. REFUND OF INCOMPLETION OF BOND

1. The bond will become effective upon completion of the course.
2. In the event the bond is not fully served, a pro-rated amount will be recovered from the student based on the unfulfilled portion of the bond period.

F. FORM

Application form is enclosed.

OTHERS

The PPRSC is entrusted with the responsibility to ensure adequate and effective execution of this scholarship policy. Any amendment or exception to the policy requires the approval of the PIC, in consultation with the PPRSC.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
(please attach a recent photograph of yourself with this application)

1. Name in full: (Dr/Mr/Mrs/ <u>Miss</u> /Mdm)			
2. Personal Particulars:			Gender:
a. Address:			
b. Tel no: (H)		(HP)	
c. Email			
d. Date of Birth: (DDMMYYYY)			
e. Nationality:			
f. Marital Status:			
g. Date of Baptism:			
h. Member of Faith Methodist Church: Yes/No Date of Membership: Name of Life Group: Name of Life Group's leader:			
i. No. of years as a Christian:			
j. Date(s) and Name(s) of previous Church membership:			
3. Family Particulars:			
Name	Relationship	DOB	Occupation
4. List down the ministry (ies) in FAITH and outside FAITH for the past 5 years (if any):			

5. Current Ministry in FAITH and outside FAITH (if any):

6. Personal Testimony (Not > 300 words)

7. Share the journey of your calling or your inclination towards full-time ministry
(Not > 300 words)

8. Your previous work experience/ skills acquired:

9. Calling/Inclination towards being:

10.

a. Pls specify where, what course of study you are applying for and its course fees:

b. Provide a brief explanation of your decision to choose the above course of study.

11. Tentative embarkation date for full-time study:

12. Give a brief description on the areas of ministry you sense you are called to:

13. Open to the possibility of serving full-time in Faith as part of your preparation for full-time ministry? Yes/No

If No, please specify the reason:

14. Recommendation from Life Group leader:

Signature: _____

Name of Life Group Leader: _____ Date: _____

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A) Interview with Pastor

Interviewed by:

Date:

Remarks:

Recommendation: Yes/ No

Any concerns, if yes please elaborate:

B) Interview with PPRSC

Interviewed by:

Date:

Remarks:

Recommendation: Yes/No

Reason for Recommendation:

Any concerns, if yes please elaborate:

C) If applicable

Medical Check-Up:

Date:

Psychological Assessment:

Date:

Remarks: