



St. Mary's  
**Ecumenical  
Institute**



**Lancaster**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### **EI MDiv Full Scholarship**

Free Tuition for one United Methodist student  
while at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute  
in the MDiv-Partnership program with Lancaster Theological Seminary

St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (EI) will award one full-tuition need-based scholarship<sup>1</sup> to a selected United Methodist applicant who lives, works, or worships in Baltimore City to begin studies in fall 2022. The scholarship covers 100% of tuition for the 36 credits taken at the Ecumenical Institute as part of the MDiv partnership program with Lancaster Theological Seminary. Applicants not selected for the EI MDiv Scholarship will automatically be considered for the Ecumenical Institute's Patterson Fellows program (which provides significant partial tuition scholarships).

To apply for the EI MDiv Full Scholarship, individuals must complete the admissions process at St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute and submit the EI MDiv Scholarship application (which requires two letters of reference). For best consideration, all application materials are due by Aug. 1st, 2022. The scholarship award will be made by Aug. 15th. All applicants will receive notification.

To be eligible, applicant must:

- Be a member of the United Methodist Church preparing for ministry in some form
- Be admitted to St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (in the Explorations in Theology category)
- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average
- Remain continuously enrolled each fall and spring term (summer sessions are optional; leave of absence or withdrawal from all courses in a semester will terminate the scholarship)
- Take the courses stipulated in the MDiv Partnership Completion Agreement (11 required courses plus 1 free elective; the scholarship does not cover courses outside the agreed list)
- Complete the Lancaster MDiv application and be admitted there by the end of the second term at the Ecumenical Institute
- Complete all Ecumenical Institute coursework within 4 years.

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<sup>1</sup> The scholarship covers 100% of tuition for 36 credits taken at the Ecumenical Institute; scholarship recipients are then eligible to apply for scholarships and other financial aid through Lancaster Theological Seminary for educational costs incurred there. The EI MDiv Full Scholarship does not cover applicable fees or cost of books.

# **EI MDiv Scholarship Application**

*(to be submitted with EI application materials)*

**Full Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Congregation** \_\_\_\_\_

(in which United Methodist membership is held)

**Indication of Financial Need. Applicant must submit:**

- (1) a copy of the first two pages of their most recent Form 1040
- (2) a statement of their monthly budget, including the following items: all sources of income and other forms of direct or indirect financial support (e.g., gifts, alimony, etc.); mortgage/rent; utilities; household expenses; car payment, insurance, and use; groceries; educational expenses; clothing; minimum total payment on credit cards; charitable giving; and any other regular monthly expenses.

**Essay Questions:**

*In lieu of the three questions on the EI application, please submit typewritten answers (double-spaced) to the following prompts:*

- 1. What has led you to pursue the MDiv? (This answer should recount your spiritual and vocational autobiography or journey.) What are your personal and vocational goals in pursuing the MDiv through the MDiv partnership between the EI and LTS? (please write 2-3 pages)
- 2. How does your sense of calling or vocation intersect with your identity as a Baltimore region United Methodist? How will your Baltimore location and United Methodist identity enrich the Ecumenical Institute, and how will study in the Ecumenical Institute of a Roman Catholic seminary enrich you? (2-3 pages)
- 3. Indicate how receipt of this scholarship would impact your ability to pursue an MDiv. If you were not to receive the scholarship, how would that affect your ability to do graduate ministerial study? (1-2 pages).

**References:**

Select two references who can speak to your aptitude for theological study and subsequent ministry. At least one of them must also be able to speak to your commitment to the United Methodist Church. Provide your references with the EI's Recommendation for Graduate Study form which you have signed. Ask them to complete the form *and* write a letter on your behalf, stating why they think you are deserving of this scholarship.

By my signature, I declare my intention to earn the Master of Divinity from Lancaster Theological Seminary, utilizing the MDiv partnership with St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute. If awarded the scholarship, I will complete the prescribed list of courses at the Ecumenical Institute within four years, and complete all Master of Divinity requirements within eight years. I will comply with the Student Handbook of Lancaster Theological Seminary regarding the Master of Divinity degree completion deadlines.

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signature

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date

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