



St. Mary's
**Ecumenical
Institute**



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 scholarship¹ to a selected United Methodist applicant to begin studies in fall 2017. The scholarship recipient will receive free tuition for the 36 EI credits used to complete the MDiv in Lancaster's weekend program. 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 July 7, 2017. (Scholarship award will be made by July 26. All applicants will receive notification.)

Eligibility requirements:

- Must be a member of the United Methodist Church preparing for ministry in some form
- Must be admitted to St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute (in the Explorations in Theology category)
- Must maintain a 3.0 grade point average
- Must 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)
- Must take the courses stipulated in the MDiv Partnership Completion Agreement (11 required plus 1 free elective; the scholarship does not cover courses outside the agreed list)
- Must complete the Lancaster MDiv application and be admitted there by the end of the second term at the Ecumenical Institute
- Must complete all Ecumenical Institute coursework within 4 years.

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¹ 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)

Essay Questions:

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

1. What are your personal and vocational goals in pursuing the MDiv through the MDiv partnership between the EI and LTS? (1-2 pages)
2. What has led you to this point? (This answer should be a 2-3 page spiritual and vocational autobiography.)
3. How does your sense of calling or vocation intersect with your identity as a United Methodist? How will your 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)

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.

signature

date

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