

COVENANT CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION CPE SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Scholarship:

Scholarship funds are available each year and are awarded by the Covenant Chaplains Association (CCA) and are intended to help defray the cost of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). The scholarships are intended to support seminary students/credentialed ministers in the Evangelical Covenant Church who are planning to serve in ministry as chaplains, in any of the variety of settings where chaplains serve. CCA has \$1,000 in scholarship money and this money is divided between two or more applicants, depending on how many qualified applicants apply each year. Recipients of the scholarship are determined by the Scholarship Committee, which is a subgroup of the Covenant Chaplains Association.

Applicant Qualifications:

- Seminary students who are members of an Evangelical Covenant church, seeking a master's level degree or higher through an accredited seminary and intend to serve in ministry after completing seminary as a chaplain; either as a hospital, institutional, military or another kind of chaplain,
OR
- Covenant clergy who are taking CPE with the intention of serving in ministry as a chaplain and who are in good standing with the Ministerium of the Evangelical Covenant Church;
AND
- Be a member of the CCA, be current with CCA dues;
- Be able to provide written acceptance into a certified CPE program.

Scholarship Committee Membership:

The Scholarship Committee will consist of five members, each of whom is in good standing with the Ministerium and with the CCA and have had at least one unit of CPE. Members of the committee are as follows:

- CCA Chair, CCA Vice Chair, CCA Secretary/Treasurer and two additional CCA members

Selection Criteria:

- Applicants will complete the CCA Scholarship Application and submit it to the CCA Secretary via email cca.secytreas@gmail.com April 15-September 1 of each year.
- The scholarship committee will consider all applications in conversations by email/phone/Skype and make an award determination within a few weeks of receiving applications. **We strongly encourage applicants to apply for scholarships early, as award determinations will be made on a first come, first served basis.** Final selection of scholarship recipients will ideally be by consensus, but at least by a majority vote of the committee.
- The CCA secretary will notify scholarship recipients within seven days of the scholarship committee's decision. The scholarships will be disbursed in a timely manner to either the institution charging tuition or to the recipient directly.
- The CCA secretary will inform any applicant not selected for the scholarship by telephone or email within seven days of the committee's decision.
- The names of scholarship recipients will be disseminated by the CCA through email, Facebook, and other social media.
- If only one or no suitable applicants for the scholarship are submitted in any given year, unused scholarship funds will remain available for awarding in the subsequent year **IN ADDITION** to the subsequent year's awards.
- The scholarship committee is free to make final decisions about the scholarship(s), with consensus, if circumstances arise that are unforeseen by this document.

Publicity Concerning Availability:

- The availability of this award and copies of this document in both hard copies and electronic copies will be widely disseminated each year, both prior to and during the application time frame (April 15-September 1) to: the CCA Annual Meeting, the CCA email distribution list, North Park Theological Seminary faculty, staff of Develop Leaders and through social media in use by CCA.

COVENANT CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION CPE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicants: Please complete the following questions with the appropriate information. Answers should be brief but sufficiently long to answer the question completely. All applications will remain confidential and will be viewed only by the scholarship committee.

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Name and location of the Evangelical Covenant Church where you hold membership:

How long have you been a member?

What seminary are you attending/did you attend? When did you begin and when do you anticipate graduating (or when did you graduate)?

With what seminary degree will you/did you graduate?

If you have already graduated, where are you currently employed/serving in ministry and how long have you been there?

Have you completed any units of CPE?

If yes, where and when?

Please describe the CPE program you in which you are planning to participate. What is the name of the institution offering CPE and where will you be doing CPE? What population do you anticipate serving as part of your learning in CPE? Will the didactic part of your CPE program be in an in-person group or through an online format?

What is your plan for serving in ministry after seminary/CPE? The CCA Scholarship is intended for individuals who are or will be credentialed ministers in the Evangelical Covenant Church and who intend to serve in ministry as chaplains. Do you also plan to become a Board Certified Chaplain? When?

Are your CCA dues paid for this year? (Dues are \$25 annually)

Yes

No

What is the cost of your CPE program?

Please describe the reasons that a scholarship for CPE would be helpful. (*Are you employed full or part time, are you married, is your spouse employed, do you have children, are you receiving other scholarships, include any other financial information that is relevant*)

Is there anything else you would like the committee to consider?

*****Please attach a copy of your letter of acceptance into the CPE program that you are planning to attend.**

Date submitted:

FOR COMMITTEE USE ONLY:

Date application received by CCA secretary:

Was this applicant chosen for a scholarship?

Notified by secretary on this date:

Award check made out to:

Address mailed to:

Date Award mailed: