



**ERSKINE**  
THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

*For Christ and His Church*

**The Partners Scholarship Program** is designed to provide students with a method to graduate with no seminary tuition debt. If the eligibility requirements listed below are met, the student receives a 100% tuition scholarship. The Partners Program is available for all degree seeking students. Partners Scholarships are also available for ARP, PCA, PCUSA, and RUF students who are receiving denominational scholarship aid. The requirements differ for each of these as well; please read carefully.

**All Master's Level Degrees:**

1. The student must agree to enroll for 30 semester hours each year, and not drop below 27 semester hours. (September through August, J-term and summer terms are included.) If the student's course load is reduced below 27 semester hours, his/her Partners Scholarship aid will be removed for the entire academic year.
2. The student's sponsoring church agrees to pledge \$500 annually to the Partners Scholarship Fund each year the student participates.
3. The student pledges \$40.00 per month for 12 months (September to August) to the Partners Scholarship Fund each year he/she participates in the program.
4. The student agrees to write a half-page to one-full page update on his/her studies each quarter and submit to the Partners Scholarship Program Director. This update will be included in the donors' quarterly donation reports.
5. The student must recruit at least 16 sponsors who agree to pledge at least \$40.00 per month for 12 months to the Partners Scholarship Fund. The student must meet this requirement each year he/she participates in the program. (The number of sponsors is lower if the student is receiving ARP, PCA, PCUSA, or RUF denominational aid. See those requirements below.)
6. Erskine Theological Seminary contributes the difference of at least \$1,800 per year in scholarship funds.

**Master's Level Associate Reformed Presbyterian (ARP) Students (if receiving ARP aid):**

1. Numbers 1-4 on the Master's Degree qualifications must be met.
2. The student recruits at least 5 sponsors who agree to pledge at least \$40.00 per month for 12 months to the Partners Scholarship Fund. The student must meet this requirement each year he/she participates in the program.

**Master's Level Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) Students (if receiving PCA aid):**

1. Numbers 1-4 on the Master's Degree qualifications must be met.
2. The student recruits at least 10 sponsors who agree to pledge at least \$40.00 per month for 12 months to the Partners Scholarship Fund. The student must meet this requirement each year he/she participates in the program.

**Master's Level Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Students (if receiving RUF aid):**

1. Numbers 1-4 on the Master's Degree qualifications must be met.
2. The student must recruit at least 10 sponsors who agree to pledge at least \$40.00 per month for 12 months to the Partners Scholarship Fund. The student must meet this requirement each year he/she participates in the program.

**Master's Level Presbyterian Church, USA (PCUSA) Students (if receiving PCUSA aid):**

1. Numbers 1-4 on the Master's Degree qualifications must be met.
2. The student recruits 11 sponsors who agree to pledge at least \$40.00 per month for 12 months to the Partners Scholarship Fund. The student must meet this requirement each year he/she participates in the program.

**Th.M. Degree Seeking Students:**

1. The student must be a full-time student, taking at least 12 credit hours of coursework each academic year. (September through August; J term and summer terms included.)
2. Numbers 2-4 on the Master's Degree qualifications must be met.
3. The student recruits 6 sponsors who agree to pledge at least \$40.00 per month for 12 months to the Partners Scholarship Fund. The student must meet this requirement each year he/she participates in the program.

**D.Min. Degree Seeking Students:**

1. The student must be a full-time student, taking 18 credits the first year and not dropping below 15 credits. The student must take at least 12 credits his/her second year and have completed at least 30 credits by the end of the second year. The student must take no more than 9 credits his/her third and final year.
2. Numbers 2-4 on the Master's Degree qualifications must be met.
3. The student recruits at least 10 sponsors his/her first year; at least 6 sponsors his/her second year; and at least 3 sponsors his/her third year. All sponsors agree to pledge at least \$40.00 per month for 12 months to the Partners Scholarship Fund. The student must meet this requirement each year he/she participates in the program.

The Partners Scholarship Program is limited to the first 50 students who apply each academic year. Students who are interested in this program are asked to contact Mary Stephens 864-379-6539 or [stephens@erskine.edu](mailto:stephens@erskine.edu).