



Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship

A collaboration of St. James Episcopal Church, Austin, and Seminary of the Southwest

Beginning in 2019, the Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship Committee will be offering a scholarship to cover living expenses for a student of color studying to be a priest at Seminary of the Southwest. Priority for this award is for an African American student. Gifts to this fund from St. James and other partners along with the seminary's financial aid offerings aim to ensure that the beneficiary of this award can graduate from seminary without new educational debt. This grant of up to \$20,000 is renewable for the full three years of the Master of Divinity program and will be awarded along with a tuition grant from the seminary's endowment.

Successful applicants will be postulants for ordination in the Episcopal church who have been admitted for admission in the MDiv degree or DAS program at Seminary of the Southwest. Applicants must demonstrate financial need as verified by the FAFSA and the Seminary's internal application for financial aid. Applicants will be chosen by the Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship Selection Committee according to leadership potential, academic record, and financial need. Submission of this application is your consent for the Seminary's enrollment office to share with the Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship selection committee your transcripts from previous studies as well as an evaluation of your financial need. Specific details of your finances will not be shared with the committee. Applications are due by **May 1**.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

What is your racial identity? Black or African American Hispanic/Latino Asian
(check all that apply) American Indian or Alaskan Native
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander White

Ordination status (postulant, aspirant, candidate): _____ Date of this status: _____

In which diocese?: _____

Essay: Please write a two or three page letter to the selection committee in which you explain your vocational goals. One of the priorities of the committee is the work of racial reconciliation and justice. The Episcopal Church defines reconciliation as "the spiritual practice of seeking loving, liberating and life-giving relationship with God and one another, and striving to heal and transform injustice and brokenness in ourselves, our communities, institutions and society." How do you see your ministry doing this work?