

# **GENEROUS FINANCIAL AID FOR COMMUTER STUDENTS AT SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY**

## **Simple Steps to Getting Financial Aid**

- All students are eligible to apply for Sacred Heart Institutional Scholarships.
- Students in degree programs may be eligible for Federal Grants (PELL Grant), State of Michigan Grants (Michigan Tuition Grant) or Federal student loans.
- Students in degree programs must be enrolled at least half-time for federal loan eligibility: Undergraduate 6 credits, Graduate 4 credits.
- All students applying for Sacred Heart scholarships or federal aid must complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) each new academic year. Be sure you file for the correct academic year.
- The direct link to the FAFSA is: <https://fafsa.gov>  
The Sacred Heart school code is: 002313
- The Department of Education will send an email confirmation and SAR (Student Aid Record) of the FAFSA. Keep this and FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID) in a safe place. You will need the FSA ID each new academic year.

The resources Sacred Heart offers are available on the next page with directions to apply for each fund.

- You may apply for more than one fund.
- Take advantage of everything that is available to you.

**For applications or more information  
contact your Financial Aid Office at  
313-883-8534  
luberski.kathy@shms.edu  
OR  
313-883-8781  
corbin.christi@shms.edu**

**ACE GRANT** for Catechetical Ministry at a parish or catholic school in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

This service based grant is available to those who work or volunteer in the following ministries:

- Parish catechists, RCIA, DRE's, Youth Ministers, Adult Faith Formation programs, School Religion or Theology teachers.
- The grant pays 30% toward undergraduate tuition and 20% graduate tuition.
- The ACE Grant certification form must be completed annually and signed by the pastor or DRE to confirm the students ministry.
- The form is available in the Financial Aid Office or on the Sacred Heart website under: Financial Services/Financial Aid/Forms.

**PASTORAL MINISTRY GRANT** this need based grant is offered by the AOD Office of Stewardship and Grant Management and is available to students registered in a parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit.

- The online application must be submitted each term with updated enrollment information.
- With the initial application, students must provide a letter from the pastor with confirmation of parish enrollment.
- Each year, students must update income tax information by providing a copy of the 1040 that shows the adjusted gross income.
- Contact Jessica at 313-596-7407 or the Financial Aid Office for more information and to receive the link to the online application.

**PARISH EMPOWERMENT FUND** is available to students who minister in a parish in the Archdiocese of Detroit that is considered financially insecure. The AOD determines parish eligibility.

- The online application is available once per year, usually in the spring.
- The award amount for the fall and winter term is fixed, students may apply for the spring term if funding remains.
- Students normally combine the ACE Grant with the PEF to receive 100% tuition coverage for a limited number of credit hours.
- Contact Jessica at 313-596-7407 for the application or to be added to the next year's list.

**PERMANENT DIACONATE** admitted candidates in graduate level programs (M.A.P.S) may apply for Sacred Heart scholarships to assist with the rate difference not covered by the PDO. Contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance in applying for Sacred Heart scholarships.

#### **FEDERAL AND STATE AID PROGRAMS**

- PELL Grant is need-based for students earning their first bachelor's degree
- FSEOG is a PELL supplemental grant
- Michigan Tuition Grant: need-based for the AB, Philosophy degree
- Federal Student Loans for those in a degree program and enrolled half-time:  
Undergraduate 6 credits, Graduate 4 credits.