

ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

From 1891 until 1943, there was an active Presbyterian Seminary in Omaha. In 1943, the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Omaha was closed. After Court action to determine the distribution of the Seminary's assets, the Court decreed that the Board of Trustees could hold the remaining assets in trust and use them for purposes as nearly as possible to the purposes of the former Seminary.

In 1984, the Trustees changed the name of the Seminary to the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation.

It now uses the funds available to it each year to fund two main types of educational programs:

1. Student Aid Program
 - a. Scholarships
 - b. Conditional Grants
2. Continuing Education
 - a. A Summer School for Pastors
 - b. Seminars & conferences for established pastors and lay leaders

Another major area of concern includes the Encouragement and Support of Calls to Ministry within Congregations and Presbyterian Colleges and Presbyteries.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation is to seek, develop and support excellence in Christian leadership through the Presbyterian Church (USA).

THE APOLLOS PROGRAM



STUDENT AID PROGRAM
Helping the Chosen Become Choice



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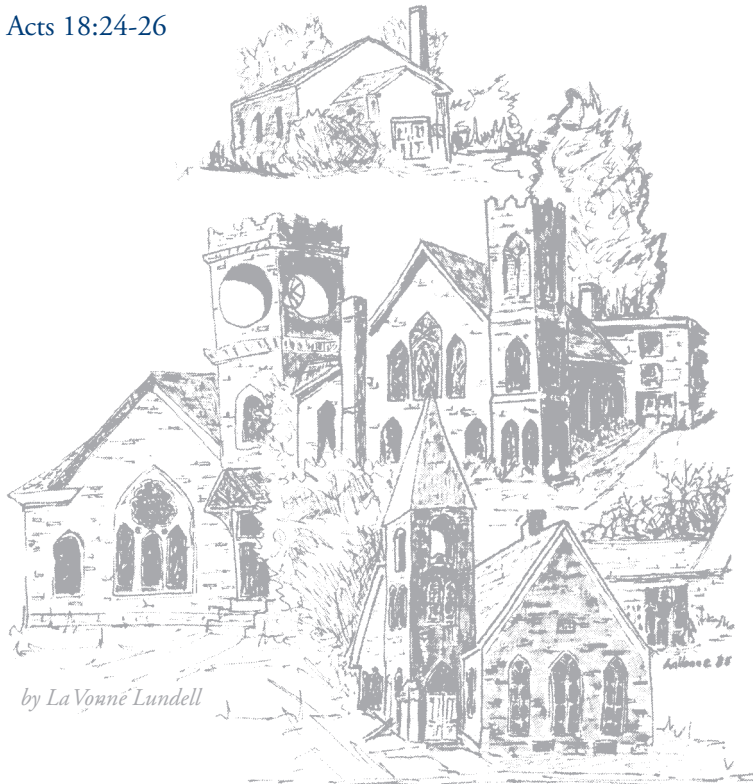


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FOUNDATION POLICY

The Apollos Program derives its name from the fascinating young man from Alexandria who was fervent in the scriptures and eloquent in proclaiming the gospel but who needed additional education. Fortunately for him, he had two friends who were interested in helping him in his career and arranged for his further education so that he could then proclaim the whole truth.

Acts 18:24-26



The purpose of the Foundation's Apollos Program is to assist the Church in its important task of developing quality clergy leadership that it might more effectively carry out its sacred mission.

Our goal is helping the Church achieve its mission. The means to that end is to help those chosen by God and under the care of the Presbyteries, to become the very best they can be as they respond to God's call to leadership.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must

1. be a member of a Presbyterian Church (USA).
2. be under the care of a Presbytery as a Candidate/Inquirer.
3. possess qualities of excellence for ministry.
4. be accepted or enrolled in one of the following 10 Theological Institutions: Austin Seminary, Columbia Seminary, Dubuque Seminary, Johnson C. Smith Seminary, Louisville Seminary, McCormick Seminary, Pittsburgh Seminary, Princeton Seminary, San Francisco Seminary or Union Seminary/PSCE, in VA.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The applicant must:

1. Complete an application form supplied by the Foundation. It shall be in typewritten or computer generated form and must be completely filled out, including an original signature on the waiver. No handwritten applications will be considered.
2. Provide the Foundation with the official transcript(s) of his/her college and seminary academic records to date.
3. Provide names and current address for all references requested.
4. It is the applicant's responsibility to check on the status of his/her application, including the references' responses.

APOLLOS PROGRAM

The Foundation budgets approximately \$115,000.00 annually to provide up to 36 theological students with financial assistance. The awards are of two types, namely Conditional Grants and Scholarships, with slightly different terms and conditions.

THE CONDITIONAL GRANTS

1. Amount: \$2,500.00 annually for a maximum total of \$7,500.00.
2. The grant must be partially or totally refunded if the student does not graduate or does not serve in a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), General Assembly approved vocation for at least the same number of years as the number of years the student received the aid (i.e. two years of grants require two years of service).

THE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. Amount: \$5,000.00 (beginning with awards for school year 2006-07) annually for a maximum total of \$15,000.00.
2. This is an award for winning top honors in the competitive process of selection among the applications for Student Aid.
3. The awards are given in honor of four highly revered Foundation Directors: Eugene C. Dinsmore, Robert K. Adams, Silas G. Kessler, and Howard B. Dooley.
4. Each annual installment is unconditional when made, but future installments are contingent upon continued satisfactory educational progress in one of the qualifying Presbyterian theological institutions.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. All interested persons may request an application from the Foundation's office or download the application from our website.
2. When received, each application will be carefully reviewed by the Foundation's Student Aid Committee. All information will be checked for accuracy and then compared with the Foundation's eligibility requirements.
3. All references will be contacted and their appraisals reviewed by the entire Committee.
4. All applicants will receive notification shortly after August 1 as to whether or not they will receive financial aid.

DEADLINES

Applications received by May 1

References received by June 1

Recipients selected by August 1

SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES

The four Trustees for whom the Scholarships are named were chosen for their outstanding leadership in preserving the assets of the Foundation and promoting its mission.



EUGENE C. DINSMORE

For over 40 years, Eugene C. Dinsmore gave his talent as an investment banker and, largely due to his efforts, the assets grew from \$340,000 until today the corpus of the Trust is over \$9,000,000. The Foundation chooses to honor him by funding annually a scholarship to a student, in his name.



ROBERT K. ADAMS

For over 26 years, Robert K. Adams brought to the dormant Seminary his knowledge and skill as an attorney. His organizational skills and legal knowledge provided the framework upon which the Foundation could develop its program and carry forward its mission. To express appreciation to Mr. Adams for his wisdom and devotion, a scholarship has been funded in his name.



HOWARD B. DOOLEY

A person whose name is almost synonymous with the Foundation is Dr. Howard B. Dooley. He graduated in one of the last classes of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary at Omaha, became a Board member in 1969, Vice President in 1977 and President in 1988. Both a lawyer and a minister, he was well prepared to lead the Corporation through the period of transition from a seminary

to a charitable foundation. Upon his retirement in 1994, the Board named him a scholarship honoree in recognition of his outstanding service.



SILAS G. KESSLER

The mission of the Foundation is to encourage those whom God has called to give their lives and leadership talents to the Church. To achieve this, the Foundation needed a person to hold up as a model of what a pastor ought to be. They found that model in the person of Dr. Silas G. Kessler, a former Moderator of G.A. and above all, a talented and much loved Christian pastor. The Foundation has honored him by naming a scholarship in his behalf.