

2015-2016 Financial Aid Application

For LTS Scholarships and Federal Stafford Loans

PLEASE NOTE: (1) Complete your 2014 Federal Income Tax Return before proceeding with this form.
 (2) The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a required component of this application.

Returning Student application deadline:
 April 15

New Student application deadline:
 To be considered for the maximum scholarship amount, applicants for admission are strongly encouraged to complete this application **in conjunction with** their Admissions file so a financial aid award letter may be issued upon the letter of admittance. At the latest, this application should be completed **no later than one month prior to entrance.**

Personal Information

Full name: _____ SS No.: _____
 Address: _____
 Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____
 E-mail address: _____
 Date of birth: _____ Sex: _____ Country of citizenship: _____

Choose 1: I do not hold a Bachelor's degree I hold a Bachelor's degree
 from: _____

Completion of this section is not required, but will benefit our attempts to serve you.

1. Race/Ethnicity: _____

2. Denomination/Faith Tradition: _____

3. Home church: _____

Town and state: _____ Pastor: _____

Conference/Synod: _____ Association/Presbytery/District: _____

Academic Information for 2015-2016

Degree program:	Terms of study (<u>all</u> that apply):	Projected enrollment:	Year of Cross-Cultural:
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Divinity	Sem. 1 <input type="checkbox"/> '15 Pre-Fall term <input type="checkbox"/> '15 Fall term	<input type="checkbox"/> 12+ credits per semester (full-time)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2015-16
<input type="checkbox"/> Master of Arts in Religion		<input type="checkbox"/> 6-11 credits per semester (part-time)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2016-17
<input type="checkbox"/> Doctor of Ministry	Sem. 2 <input type="checkbox"/> '16 January term		<input type="checkbox"/> 2017-18
	<input type="checkbox"/> '16 Spring term		<input type="checkbox"/> completed or N/A
	<input type="checkbox"/> '16 May/June term	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____	

FAFSA

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a required component of this application.

In lieu of filing an electronic FAFSA, you may download a pdf version by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov and selecting the FAFSA Filing Options link at the lower left side of the screen. Please allow an additional 2-3 weeks for processing after you submit your completed paper FAFSA.

Steps to complete the FAFSA

- Complete your 2014 Federal Income Tax Return (required for Stafford loan applicants; strongly encouraged for LTS Scholarship applicants).
- Visit www.pin.ed.gov to request a new U.S. Department of Education PIN or request a reminder if you forget your existing one. New electronic PINs are generally issued by the USDE in 1-3 days.
- For speedier FAFSA completion, first print and fill out the "FAFSA On the Web Worksheet" at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- At www.fafsa.ed.gov, complete the 2015-2016 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (available 1/1/15). **Keep a printed copy for your records, especially Worksheets A, B and C.**
- Use the school code **G03286** to submit your FAFSA to LTS.
- Make sure that you receive a **Confirmation Number** upon finishing the online FAFSA.
- You will receive a Student Aid Report after completing your FAFSA. If incorrect, promptly update it.

More information

- **WARNING:** Beware of phony websites that charge a fee for processing your application! The FAFSA is a FREE application provided by the federal government. The correct site is www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- **What is the FAFSA?** The FAFSA is a financial aid application produced by the U.S. Department of Education and used by schools to determine students' eligibility for federal student aid. Many schools, like LTS, also use the FAFSA to determine eligibility for their own scholarships.
- **What happens after I complete it?** Your responses to the FAFSA questions are entered into a federal formula to yield your Expected Family Contribution. The EFC measures your family's financial strength. After completing the FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report from the U.S. Department of Education telling you your EFC.
- **How are my results used?** LTS uses your EFC to determine your financial need. Financial need is the difference between your EFC and LTS' cost of attendance budget (which includes living expenses, travel, etc.). For more information about LTS' cost of attendance, see www.lancasterseminary.edu/finaid/staffordFAQ

Federal Income Tax Non-Filer Statement

Leave this blank if you/your spouse filed a 2014 Federal Tax Return. Complete only if you/your spouse did not and will not file.

Source(s) of income earned in 2014:

Attach W-2s and/or other supporting documentation.

Employer(s):

Amount:

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

\$ _____

Interest/Dividend Income

TOTAL: \$ _____

My signature below confirms that I (and/or my spouse) have not filed and am/are not required to file a 2014 Federal Income Tax Return.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Other Sources of Expected Financial Assistance for 2015-2016

You are required to disclose all other financial assistance that is available to you during the 2015-2016 academic year. Include all amounts paid to cover any expenses related to your enrollment at LTS (not employment income). **Please be sure to inform all supporters whose contributions are sent directly to LTS to earmark their checks with your name!**

Source:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> Employer reimbursement for studies	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Field Education	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Congregational assistance	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Veteran's benefits	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Outside Scholarship: _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Loan other than Federal Stafford Loan : _____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	\$ _____

Expenses

List major debts (include student loans and credit card):

_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

List other significant expenses (other than living expenses):

_____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

Below (or attached), present any other circumstances relevant to your need for financial aid.

Federal Stafford Loan Request

Leave blank if you do **not** want to borrow federal Stafford loan funds in 2015-2016.

Non-need-based loans are available; see the LTS Financial Aid Handbook. Your Loan Certification Notice (mailed when your loan has been processed), will include instructions for how to revise your requested amount, should you need to do so.

I am a: renewal LTS borrower new LTS borrower; **for your request to be processed, you must also complete:**
(1) **Online Entrance Counseling** at www.studentloans.gov ("Manage My Direct Loan")
(2) **Master Promissory Note** at www.studentloans.gov ("Manage My Direct Loan")

The Stafford annual limit for graduate students is \$20,500* per academic year. *By law, M.Div. students without a Bachelor's degree are subject to lower annual limits. For details, see Section 2 of the LTS Financial Aid Handbook at www.lancasterseminary.edu/finaid/overview.

Choose one: I want to borrow the maximum amount that I am eligible for in 2015-2016 (up to \$20,500 total).
 I want to borrow a specific dollar amount in 2015-2016. If eligible, I am requesting the following amount: \$ _____.

Please contact the financial aid office at (717) 290-8748 if you want additional guidance in determining your cost of attendance and loan eligibility prior to specifying an amount to borrow.

Signature

My signature below confirms that all of the information reported on this LTS Financial Aid Application and my 2015-2016 FAFSA is complete and correct. I understand that the LTS Office of Admissions & Financial Aid reserves the right to request verification of any information I have provided here. I agree to advise LTS of any additional financial assistance I receive during the year.

Signed: _____ Date: _____