

**M.A. / Ph.D. Programs
Academic Scholarship Application
Entering Students Only**



Part 1: Personal Information (please use block letters)

SURNAME, FIRST NAME (include preferred first name)		TITLE
ADDRESS (street, city, prov/state, postal/zip code, country)	COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	
	NATIONALITY	
	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	
	DATE OF BIRTH	
TELEPHONE	FAX	
EMAIL	MARITAL STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE	# of children _____

Part 2: Proposed Program of Study

DEGREE	
MAJOR AREA OF EMPHASIS	
DATE OF COMMENCEMENT	
BRIEF STATEMENT OF PROPOSED SUBJECT OF STUDY	

Part 3: Educational Qualifications

NAME OF UNIVERSITY	SUBJECT	DEGREE/DATE OBTAINED	GPA

Part 4: Academic Prizes and Awards

On a separate sheet of paper, list all academic prizes and awards received in your post-secondary education experience.

Part 5: Employment History

FROM / TO	POSITION HELD	EMPLOYER NAME & ADDRESS

Are you currently employed? YES NO

Part 6: Written Responses

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions.

1. Briefly summarize your reasons for applying for this program of study at McMaster Divinity College and explain how this will help you contribute to the development of this field of study.
2. In 250 words or less, please describe how your interests and achievements, both academic and extra-curricular, demonstrate a capacity for scholarship, a commitment to service to the church and the academic community, and to applying your gifts and abilities to the development of others.
3. If you have worked on a research project in one of your degree programs or subsequently, please describe your work in 250 words or less. Your account should be intelligible to anyone who is not a specialist in your field.
4. Please give an outline of your future career plans and intentions, and explain how your proposed studies at McMaster Divinity College will help you achieve these aims.
5. Briefly highlight your most significant current and past activities and responsibilities.

Part 7: Referees

Please give the names of two personal referees that you have asked to fill in the *Personal Referee Form* (attached).

Name	Mailing Address	Email	Phone number(s)

SIGNATURE	DATE
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M.A. / Ph.D. Academic Scholarship Personal Referee Form



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(to be completed by a referee who has personal knowledge of the applicant and the requisite experience and standing to assess the applicant)

Please give below your candid assessment of the applicant's personal and social qualities, achievements, future plans and any other factors relevant to the application for awards from the Trusts.

The Selection Committee is looking for candidates with outstanding academic records but also with personal qualities which mark them out as potential leaders capable of making a continuing contribution to the church.

Unqualified praise, without due evidence to support it, is unlikely to help the Selection Committee identify the best candidates for these awards. Even exceptional candidates have weaknesses as well as strengths and the Selection Committee needs as full and as frank a view of the applicant as the referee can provide from personal knowledge.

The Selection Committee attach the greatest importance to the personal reference, warmly thank referees in advance for their help and apologize that the number of applications prevents them from acknowledging receipt of this reference.

1. NAME OF REFEREE (in block capitals):	
2. ADDRESS (street, city, prov/state, postal/zip code, country)	TELEPHONE:
	FAX:
	E-MAIL:
3. NAME OF APPLICANT FOR WHOM THIS REFERENCE IS BEING PROVIDED (in block capitals):	
4. IN WHAT CAPACITY AND FOR HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THE APPLICANT?	
<p>5. How highly, by the most stringent worldwide standards, would you rate the application for an award from the Trusts, bearing in mind the strength of the competition?</p> <p>(TICK ONE) EXCEPTIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> STRONG <input type="checkbox"/> RESPECTABLE <input type="checkbox"/> NOT STRONG <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>COMMENTS</p>	
6. Are the applicant's qualifications appropriate for the program of graduate study or research at McMaster Divinity College, and in what ways will the proposed study be relevant to the needs of the applicant's future contributions to the church and society?	

7. In not more than 300 words with a brief summary, please give below your candid assessment of the applicant's academic merit and potential, together with comments on his or her social commitment, achievements and future plans. Leadership potential and a commitment to the church will be as significant factors as academic merit in identifying the best candidates for awards from the McMaster Divinity College Trusts.

Summary:

8. SIGNATURE OF REFEREE:

DATE:

Please note the **entire** form, both Parts I and II, should be sent **by the personal referee, in hard copy** by MAIL to **McMaster Divinity College, 1280 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON L8S 4K1, Attn: Financial Aid Department** **Deadline: June 1, 2010**