



2025-2026 Religious Leadership Grant Application

Applicants for the Religious Leadership Grant must intend to enter in an occupation in full-time religious leadership. Funding is limited. Final selection will be made after a review of the applicant's essay, academic performance, FAFSA, and CSS Profile information. (Only first year undergraduate and entering transfer students are required to file the CSS Profile).

Student Name: _____ TCU ID: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please indicate the Academic Year for which you are applying (ex: 2025-2026): _____

Anticipated hours of enrollment: Fall 2025: _____ Spring 2026: _____

Required major (check one): ☐ Religion ☐ Church music

Applicants must file a FAFSA (and CSS Profile if applicable) by May 1st for consideration.

First – Time Applicants:

1. Submit an essay (approx. 500 words) reflecting your theological development and your understanding of your commitment to a full-time career in religious leadership.
2. Have the recognized leader of their religious organization, and where applicable, the chair of the board of their religious organization, complete the certification documents.

Renewal Applicants:

1. Submit an essay in which you identify ways in which you have grown in your theological understanding as well as your understanding of your own commitment to a vocation in full-time religious leadership.
2. Repeat the certification process located on page 2.
3. You are required to schedule an interview with the Chair of the Department of Religion or Coordinator of Advisement.

Minister's/Church's Certification

TCU awards financial assistance to students, regardless of denomination, preparing for a full-time career in religious leadership. Limited funds make it imperative that the applicant's home religious organization assist in determining the student's worthiness of this support. Please clarify that this applicant is worthy to receive a Religious Leadership Grant for the upcoming academic year.

We certify that _____ is worthy of consideration for the assistance which Texas Christian University may be able to provide through the Religious Leadership Grant Program. We have counseled with this applicant and are satisfied that his or her goal is to work full-time, in religious leadership. We have reviewed the academic progress of the applicant and think that his or her record justifies such as investment by the Christian Church and Texas Christian University.

Signature of Senior Minister

Date

Signature of Chair of the Board

Date

Name of Religious Organization: _____

Organization Name: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

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TCU Religion Department

Date