

DTS Scholarship Program

Dallas Theological Seminary graduates have committed their lives to clearly communicating God's Word and are catalysts in transforming the lives of others. They would not have been as effective without the Bible training they received at DTS, and they could not have received that training without the financial support of generous donors.

The following DTS students and alumni are representative of those who benefit from scholarship support.

The Scholarship Program at Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) provides tuition aid and other financial assistance for students from the United States and around the world. The DTS Scholarship Committee selects qualified candidates for scholarship awards based upon terms established by donors.

Students often face great financial pressure during graduate studies, and many students do not have the support of their families to study God's Word and prepare for ministry. While the seminary strives to maintain low tuition rates, graduate-level education is costly. Most students work at least part-time while trying to balance study, family life, and ministry commitments. When they graduate, their income will likely continue to be modest.

By contributing to the DTS Scholarship Fund, you not only reduce the financial burden students bear, but you also make an investment into the Word of God and lives of pastors, ministry influencers, and missionaries worldwide. Your gift to a new or existing scholarship gives students both support and encouragement to start and finish seminary so they can pursue the ministry to which God has called them.



Pastor, teacher, author, speaker, and DTS grad **Dr. Tony Evans** is one of America's most respected leaders in evangelical circles. Tony serves the body of Christ through his unique ability to communicate complex theological truths through simple yet profound illustrations. He says this about his time at DTS: "So much of my ministry is rooted in the training I received at DTS. How grateful I am to have been blessed with scholarships that made it possible to study at this great institution."



Dr. Charles Swindoll is an author, a teacher, senior pastor of Stonebriar Community Church, president of Insight for Living, DTS graduate, and chancellor emeritus of DTS. In all these roles, his main job is to simply "preach the Word." He shares about his experience: "The relief I felt when I learned of the scholarship that had been provided to cover my tuition was enormous. I can still remember the relief that scholarship brought—it felt like a 500-lb. weight had been lifted off my shoulders."

Existing Scholarship Categories at Dallas Theological Seminary

General Scholarship Fund

Nearly all DTS students are financially challenged to find the funds for their education. Friends of DTS who give to this scholarship fund will be supporting a student to help with this challenge. These students could become the donors' own pastor, children's leader, or missionary in the future. Gifts given to the General Scholarship Fund will help students with their expenses so they don't accrue significant long-term financial debt.

Minority Scholarship Fund

Several scholarships are established for various minority groups. Whether a pastor, writer, or musician, these students seek theological training to sharpen their ministry effectiveness. Your gift to one of these funds will support minority students in need of financial help during their season of training.

International Scholarship Fund

Students from other countries face distinct challenges. Often international students are not permitted to obtain employment in the United States except on the DTS campus. Most cannot work enough hours to offset tuition and living expenses. Supporting international students through this fund allows donors to impact students to reach the world for Christ.



Subhadheer Vempati graduated with a ThM and now serves (along with his wife, **Usha**) as an associate pastor in Andura Pradesh, India. "With generous support for four years, I was able to envision a new institute in India to become a seminary down the road. I will always be thankful for the generosity and passion of donors in equipping godly servant-leaders."



In a country where religious freedoms are not taken for granted, **Dr. Peter Mitskevich** serves as Moscow Theological Seminary's president, senior pastor of Golgotha Baptist Church, and the voice of Chuck Swindoll's Insight for Living radio broadcast in Russia. Since the fall of Communism, Peter Mitskevich has been instrumental as one of Russia's rebuilders of Christianity. The legacy and ministry are continuing with Peter's son, **Paul**, who is currently enrolled at DTS through a scholarship program. Paul shares, "God has been gracious in providing me the opportunity of getting the best possible seminary training. I am grateful for this opportunity and for His call to do the ministry." He and his wife, **Alla**, will serve in Kandern, Germany, with Greater Europe Mission (GEM). Areas of ministry include evangelism and discipleship among Russian speakers in Europe; coaching and training of young leaders, using Bill Hendricks's giftedness program; partnering with GEM; teaching and preaching in local church ministry; and developing Insight for Living's work in Europe.

Types of New Foundation Scholarship Agreements

Current Scholarship

Distributes an annual award using all or a designated portion of the principal and earnings each year.

- Minimum gift of \$1,500 to establish; annual commitment of \$1,500 for at least five years
- No fees charged to establish; small fee assessed quarterly to administer a current scholarship

Endowed Scholarship

Distributes an annual award at a rate that is designed to preserve the scholarship fund and its purchasing power in perpetuity.

- Minimum gift of \$25,000; donor may build the fund over time; distribution occurs when fund reaches \$25,000
- No cost to establish; small fee assessed quarterly to cover the cost of investment management and administration
- Principal invested; portion of the investment value is distributed annually (currently 5%)

Term Endowed Scholarship

Distributes a larger amount each year than a pure endowment. The Term Endowed Scholarship can be designed to be depleted over a determined number of years or at a predetermined rate. When the fund declines to less than \$5,000, the remainder of the fund is awarded the next year according to the terms of the agreement.

- Minimum gift of \$10,000
- No cost to establish; small fee assessed quarterly to cover the cost of investment management and administration
- Principal invested; portion of the principal and earnings distributed, allowing the scholarship to be fully distributed based on the term set by the donor

If you would like to establish a new or unique scholarship through Dallas Seminary Foundation to support a specific type of student or to honor a church, pastor, mentor, or loved one, you may initiate a named foundation scholarship. The Dallas Seminary Foundation scholarship coordinator works alongside the donor to develop unique scholarship agreements which accomplish the donor's vision. Recipients are selected by the DTS scholarship committee based on the selected scholarship criteria. There are three types of named scholarships, each defined by the manner and amount of funding.



Natacha Ramos Glorvigen is a recent DTS graduate from Venezuela. She came to Christ at age 14 and soon developed a passion for teaching others the Word of God. Realizing the importance of quality training, Natacha pursued a ThM degree, which was made possible by generous donors. Without their help, her dreams of a seminary education would not have come true. Natacha and her husband, Josh, plan to return to South America to share the good news of God's Word.

Donors may establish named scholarship funds by contacting
Dallas Seminary Foundation at foundation@dts.edu

Prospective Scholarship Data Form

Donor/Contact name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Home phone number: _____

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

Name of scholarship: _____

Purpose of scholarship/Scripture associated/memorial respects: _____

Intent of donor/criteria of scholarship: _____

Estimated funding amount: _____

Length of scholarship:

- ☐ Permanent
- ☐ Term (How many years?) _____
- ☐ Current (Funded annually by donor)

Funds can be used for (check all that apply):

- ☐ Books ☐ Tuition ☐ Living expenses ☐ Health insurance

Investments:

The donor acknowledges that investment markets fluctuate. In the event that the fund market value falls below the gift value, the fund payout will be

- ☐ continued at the rate approved by DSF's investment committee. This may cause some of the gift value to be used for the fund payout.
- ☐ suspended until such time as the fund market value exceeds the gift value. This will result in a reduced fund payout to DTS unless the donor makes additional gifts to support the fund payout.

Reporting:

The donor wishes to receive reporting on the endowment in the following manner:

- ☐ Online access to fund (no paper reporting)
- ☐ Annual hard copy statements
- ☐ No reporting desired

The donor also wishes the following to receive reports:

Third party contact name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Mobile phone number: _____ Home phone number: _____

Email: _____

Scholarship listing for public information:

- ☐ The scholarship is to be listed in the DTS online catalog
- ☐ The scholarship is not to be listed in the DTS online catalog

Donor confidentiality:

- ☐ The donor wishes to remain anonymous
- ☐ The donor does not wish to remain anonymous

Estate scholarships only:

Estimated future value of the gift: _____

Funds will be transferred from my estate via (provide copy of applicable documentation):

- ☐ Retirement plan/IRA (list financial institution(s) and please provide a copy of beneficiary designation form)
- ☐ Life insurance beneficiary (list insurance company and please provide a copy of beneficiary designation form)
- ☐ Specific bequest in my will or trust (please provide a copy of the applicable page from your will or trust)
- ☐ Residue of my estate (please provide copy of the applicable page from your will)

Timing of my gift from my estate will be based upon:

- ☐ First to die
- ☐ Surviving spouse's death

My/Our currently named executor: _____

Mailing address: _____

Mobile phone number: _____

Home phone number: _____

Email 1: _____

Email 2: _____

