Every person called by God into Christian Ministry faces the need for preparation and the daunting challenge of how to fund that preparation. How am I going to be able to pay for seminary? Good question. Financial uncertainty is often the greatest discouragement for anyone preparing to follow the call of God into ministry. It doesn’t have to be. Learning to trust in God’s timing and provision is a valuable part of your preparation.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Most people as they explored and nurtured their gifts for ministry have developed a grateful and supportive network. Now is the time to call on that network for assistance. Individuals can make payments to RTS to be credited to your account. A student’s church may contribute to their support as well, and this money has the possibility of being matched by an RTS scholarship (see the details on the Church Partnership Program below). Para-church ministries have also frequently assisted involved students as they received their training.

Many RTS Atlanta students have at least part-time employment during their studies. Not only can this income provide for a student’s expenses, but some employers offer tuition benefits. In addition, many are employed in churches or other ministries that also provide invaluable ministry experience during a student’s studies. If you are in need of employment, please check out the Jobs page on the RTS Atlanta website under the Transitions tab.

**WHAT RTS ATLANTA CAN DO**

RTS is well regarded for its commitment to biblical training for ministry. Because of this high regard, many individuals, foundations, and churches have given generously to RTS Atlanta, making a number of financial partnerships possible.

There are three types of partnership programs that RTS Atlanta offers. The first is the Church Partnership Program mentioned above. The second is a Campus Ministry Partnership involving a number of recognized campus ministries. The third is partnership with Mission to the World (MTW), the sending agency of the Presbyterian Church in America. These three partnership programs are exclusive of each other. A student may do one of the programs, not a combination.
GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name of Applicant: _____________________________________________

I am a ☐ New student: Expected Date to begin studies at RTS: __________

☐ Returning student: Date studies began at RTS: _________________

Expected Date of Graduation:__________________________

I plan to enroll per year: ☐ 3-6 ☐ 6-24 ☐ 24 or more hours

Degree Program: _____________________________________________

Present Home Address:
________________________________________________________________

Home Phone: _____________________________

Work Phone:_____________________________

Age:_______________

Marital Status: S M D W

No./age of children:_____________________________________________

College Attended: _____________________________________________

Degree:________________________ GPA:______________

Home Church: ________________________________________________

Denomination:_______________________________________________

Pastor’s Name: ______________________________

Do you adhere to the historic and orthodox Christian faith as found in the Apostles and Nicene Creeds? ☐ Yes ☐ No
EMPLOYMENT/SUPPORT-RAISING INFORMATION

1. Have you requested support from your home church? □ Yes □ No

If yes, what was the result of your request? If no, please explain:
__________________________________________________________________________

Please explain what other efforts you are making to raise your own support while in seminary (e.g. requesting denominational assistance, building a personal support network):
__________________________________________________________________________

2. During your next academic year at RTS, will you or do you intend to be employed in some capacity? □ Yes □ No

3. If you are married with no children, is your spouse:
   □ Employed? 
   □ Currently looking for work? 
   □ Not employed and not currently looking for work? Please explain:
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SEMINARY PARTNERSHIP REQUESTED

Please indicate the partnership that applies to you.

☐ Campus Ministry Partnership Rates: Please include a letter of recommendation from your supervisor or campus minister.
☐ Cru staff ☐ Campus Outreach ☐ InterVarsity staff
☐ Reformed University Fellowship ☐ YoungLife staff ☐ Other campus ministry

☐ Church Partnership Program: Please include a letter from the supporting church, signed by an authorized representative of the church, specifying the amount of support as well as the date(s) the church will send the funds to RTS. The church should also indicate that they have been supplied with a copy of the Financial Aid FAQ’s listed on the next page. The church should send the funds at least three weeks before each semester so the funds will be on your account at registration.

☐ MTW Partnership Program: This program extends to long-term missionaries, some short-term missionaries, and MTW staff. Please contact Jonathan Stuckert, Director of Student Services, at jstuckerts@rts.edu for information concerning the conditions and documentation for this scholarship program.

☐ None of these apply to me. I am applying for a general scholarship.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:
I certify the accuracy of all the information in this application. Since financial aid awards are made on the basis of each student’s financial situation, I agree to keep information about any financial aid awarded to me strictly confidential.

________________________________________________________________________
(Signature) (Date)

OFFICE USE BELOW THIS LINE

Reviewed by:
Decision and Date:
Financial Aid Award:
Student Notification:
PowerCAMPUS:
FINANCIAL AID FAQ’s

Will you send my church or ministry an invoice? RTS posts statements to Self-Service on the 7th of the month for all students with a balance. In addition, the student’s most up-to-date balance is posted under the “Balance” tab under Finances. It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that their balance is paid. **It is entirely the responsibility of the student to arrange for their church to send in their support.**

How much of the funds from my church will be matched by RTS in the Church Partnership Program? RTS will match dollar for dollar the funds from a church in this program up to one-third of a student’s tuition. So for instance, if a student incurred $3000 in tuition and their church sent in $1000, then RTS will match with a $1000 scholarship. If a church were to send in $1500, then RTS would still match with $1000, so that the student would then only be responsible for $500.

How is the Church Partnership scholarship applied? The Church Partnership scholarship is applied automatically at a rate of one-third every time tuition is charged.

How are church checks and tuition matched? This is done on the basis of the RTS fiscal year that runs from June until May. At the end of May, a Church Partnership audit is conducted. If a student has not had sufficient church checks arrive to match the amount of Church Partnership scholarship given, then the difference in scholarship is reversed. The student will be responsible for covering any remaining balance.

When should my church send a check into RTS? So that the student does not incur any finance charges, the church should plan to send in a check by the beginning of each term a student will be enrolled. A church is also free to send in one annual check before the beginning of the first term a student will be enrolled for that fiscal year.

How will RTS know that a check is for me? The church should always indicate the designated student either in the memo line or on the check stub. Including the student’s RTS ID number further assists RTS in making sure the funds are credited to the correct student.

Do I need to be on staff with Cru to receive that partnership? Yes, our partner Cru has asked that we reserve their partnership program for only those currently serving as staff. They consider this partnership to be one the benefits of serving with their ministry.

Do I need to be on staff, or have served on staff, with the other campus ministries in order to receive their partnerships? Not necessarily, these other partnerships are also open to those who were involved as students but never in a staff relationship with the campus ministry.

How are the campus ministry and MTW scholarships applied? They are applied automatically every time a student is charged tuition.