

FINANCIAL AID

FOR COMMUTER STUDENTS AT SACRED HEART

3 Simple Steps to Getting Aid

- **FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)**
 - Even if you don't think you qualify for government funds, **YOU NEED TO FILL THIS OUT.**
 - Other funds use the data from this form to determine your financial need.
 - Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov, apply for your **Federal Student Aid ID**, complete and submit the FAFSA application online.
 - Have them send the results here. The code on the form for SHMS is **002313**.
 - Keep a copy of your FAFSA for your own records.
 - You'll print a SAR (Student Aid Report) telling you about your level of need, and what government options you might qualify for. The SAR is NOT an award letter.
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- The available funds and how to apply for them is listed on the back of this page —>
 - You may apply for more than 1 type of fund. Some of our students receive financial aid from 2 or more funds. If you think you qualify, check it out!
 - Don't forget to ask your parish if they offer tuition assistance as well.
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- Do your FAFSA every year. File by February 20th to be considered for SHMS funds.
 - Early bird usually gets the worm!
 - If it is an "every semester" fund, you should have your paperwork before the start of the semester, so everything is in place when you register.

**For forms, questions or more information,
call SHMS Financial Aid at 313-883-8534.**

**Or contact us by email:
financialaid@shms.edu**

Generous Financial Aid

For Commuter Students at Sacred Heart

ACE GRANT: Catechetical Ministry Service Based

- Available to those who work or volunteer/work as parish Catechists, DRE's, RCIA, Youth Ministers, Adult Faith Formation, School Religion Teachers.
- **Undergraduate and graduate level courses.** Contact the Financial Aid Office for the current rates.
- **FORMS NEEDED:** ACE CERTIFICATION FORM: SUBMIT ANNUALLY ONCE IN THE FALL OF THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR, OR WINTER IF FIRST TERM ATTENDING.
- **CERTIFICATION SIGNATURE REQUIRED BY PASTOR OR D.R.E.**
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Access the form on the Sacred Heart Website: www.shms.edu. (Financial Services/Financial Aid/Archdiocese of Detroit Aid/Catechetical Leaders. You must submit the form prior to the beginning or by the first week of the first term you attend in the new academic year. Deliver completed form to the Financial Aid Office or by fax: 313-868-7025.

Pastoral Ministry Grant - AOD Development Office: Need based

- Available to those seeking certification in Catechesis, Pastoral Ministry or Youth Ministry.
- Per-term grants.
- **FORMS NEEDED:** Pastoral Ministry Grant Application (every term).
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Request form from AOD Development Office, 313-883-8657

Parish Empowerment Fund (PEF): Based on location of Parish

Available to anyone who works or volunteers in an eligible parish.

- **FORMS NEEDED:** Applications: July of each year awarded in August.
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Call Office for Parish Life, 313-237-5798

Sacred Heart Major Seminary Institutional Grants

Various private funds from benefactors, administered by SHMS

- Granted on an annual basis based on various factors, including financial need.
- **FORMS NEEDED:** FAFSA, SHMS Financial Aid Application (every year)
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Fill out forms and send them to:

**Sacred Heart Major Seminary
ATTN: Financial Aid Office
2701 W. Chicago Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48206**

Federal and State Assistance Programs

- Undergraduate students may qualify for the PELL Grant, Federal SEOG, or various State of Michigan programs and Federal Stafford loans. Graduates may qualify for Federal Stafford loans if enrolled half-time in program of study.