

# 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.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), apply for your PIN # and submit on-line. ***Paper forms are no longer available to schools. Call 1-800-433-3243 to have one mailed to you.***
  - 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,  
313-883-8781 or contact us by email:  
[financialaid@shms.edu](mailto:financialaid@shms.edu)**

# Generous Financial Aid

## For Commuter Students at Sacred Heart

### **Assistance for Catechetical Leaders (ACE): Service Based**

- Available to those who work or volunteer in Catechetics (Catechists, DRE's, RCIA, Youth Ministers, School Religion Teachers, etc).
- **Grants for undergraduate courses; loans for graduate courses** (which is forgiven by years of service in the Archdiocese following graduation).
- **FORMS NEEDED:** ACE award letter (every semester), FAFSA (once annually)
- **HOW TO APPLY:** **Call the Office for Faith Formation (313) 596-7306 to receive your award letter. You must request each semester.**

### **Pastoral Ministry Grant - AOD Development Office: Need based**

- Available to those seeking certification in Catechesis, Pastoral Ministry or Youth Ministry.
- Per-semester grants.
- **FORMS NEEDED:** **Pastoral Ministry Grant Application (every semester)**
- **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 available in Spring of each year only.**
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Call Office for Parish Life, (313) 237-5798

### **Sacred Heart Major Seminary Institution Grants and Scholarships**

- 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**

- Undergrad students may qualify for PELL grants, FSEOG, or various State of Michigan programs and Stafford loans. Graduates may qualify for Stafford loans.
- **FORMS NEEDED:** FAFSA, SHMS application.
- **HOW TO APPLY:** Once FAFSA is received, the US Department of Education will send the student a Student Aid Report (SAR). More documentation may be required.

**YOU MAY ALSO CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE OF SACRED HEART MAJOR SEMINARY FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF THESE FUNDS AND FILING DEADLINES.**

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