

**A Message From
The Rev. Frederic W. Reynolds
Rector of St. Paul's**

One of the great needs of the Church, as we enter the 21st century, is to offer more opportunities to deepen and enrich our baptismal vows through education. The Merriel and Almus Thorp Lay Theological Education Scholarship is one step toward fulfilling this important need.

Through the generosity and vision of St. Paul's Vestry, the Thorp Scholarship Fund provides money for persons of faith who wish seriously to explore ways of discovering and expanding their Christian ministry in the world. It is also a lasting legacy and tribute to Merriel and Almus Thorp and their life-long commitment for Christian formation and leadership among the laity.

I urge you to take full advantage of this unique educational opportunity, as well as to contribute your financial support to the fund for future generations of Christian leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Frederic W. Reynolds

Guidelines

1. The fund is generally able to award one grant per year. Grants will not exceed \$1,000.
2. Grants from the Merriel and Almus Thorp Lay Theological Scholarship Fund are made to Episcopalians living in the Diocese of Rochester. They are to develop knowledge and skills by which they may increase and deepen their ministry in the Diocese of Rochester.
3. The fund provides partial financial assistance for continuing education.
4. Applications will be accepted for such as the following:
 - Seminars
 - Conferences
 - Vocational Training
 - College Courses
 - Seminary Courses
5. The applicant's Rector and Warden shall provide a written endorsement. It is expected that the applicant's own parish will support the applicant in their endeavors.
6. The administrators of the Fund normally consider grant applications quarterly; in January, April, July and October.

**APPLICATION
-How To Apply For a Grant-**

1. Complete each item on the form.
2. Applications must be signed by your Priest and a Warden.

Last name	First name	Middle
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Street Address

City, State, Zip

Home Phone #	Parish
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Description of Education or Training Desired

Location of Facility

Dates of Course	Total Cost of Project
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How much financial support will be provided by:

Congregation	Family	Yourself
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Amount Being Requested

** Additional application forms are available by writing to St. Paul's.*

How to apply for a Grant

Complete the form inside this brochure. Attach extra pages as necessary: letters of recommendation, references, etc., among them your answers to the following:

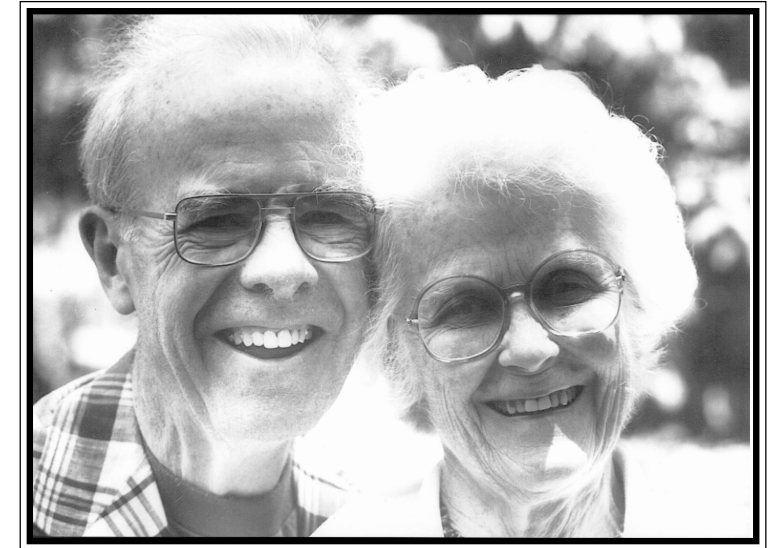
- What do you expect to learn?
- How will it strengthen your ministry?
- Who will benefit from your work?

Detach & mail the completed form to:

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The Merriel and Almus Thorp
Lay Theological Scholarship Fund
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