

LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY COMMENCEMENT PRIZES

Thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, the Seminary is able to award a series of prizes each spring. The faculty is responsible for deciding who will receive the awards. Because the awards have been established with specific guidelines, the faculty must work within those parameters.

In some cases, either a faculty member or a student may submit an entry for consideration. In others, only faculty members can submit an entry. Those distinctions are noted in the list below.

March 15 is the deadline for submissions.

General Guidelines

- All papers/sermons must be delivered via email to the Dean's Office. Please send to rgawn@lancasterseminary.edu by the stated deadline.
- The student's name and the prize for which the paper is submitted must be clearly displayed on the first page of the submission.
 - Each prize awarded carries a stipend.
- Prizes are awarded only when performance merits recognition. Awards are at the discretion of the faculty and a prize may not be granted in a given year.
 - Students are eligible to submit only one entry per prize.

Prize Title	Description	Submission
The Raymond W. Albright Prize in History	"...to be given each year to a member of the graduating class who has demonstrated the greatest proficiency in Church History through an essay or source notably in American Church History." [provision in Living Revocable Trust of Mrs. Caroline A. Albright. Letter dated 4/23/91 from Owen L. Cox]	Paper on American Church History written for class assignments during the current academic year By student or faculty submission
The Reverend Delores Berry Liberation Theology Preaching Prize	"The prize will be awarded each year to the student who preaches a sermon that best embodies the principles of liberation theology. Preference will be given to a graduating senior."	Preached sermon. Submit manuscript and video (USB flash drive) of preached sermon along with information on where and when it was preached. By student or faculty submission
Class of 1892 Prize for the Best Written Sermon (Class of 1892 Prize in Sacred Rhetoric is the original name of this prize.)	This prize is to be awarded "to a student who, in the opinion of three judges, writes the best sermon. The prize is to be awarded on the ground of truth and the literary finish with which the sermon is prepared." [Acts and Proceedings of the Eastern Synod of the Reformed Church in the US, Lancaster PA 10/19/1892.]	Written sermon. Submit manuscript only. By student or faculty submission
Herman M. Lutz Prize in Christian Education	"To be awarded to a seminarian who has demonstrated special gifts and competence in the teaching office of ministry through field education, the parish training program or other local church experience, as evidenced through and supported by such things as the creation of curricular resources and/or models for teaching, a videotape of an outstanding teaching event, and Seminary classroom leadership."	By student or faculty submission
The Schaff Prize in Church History	"...any seminarian who has completed the basic church history course and who writes the best paper on an assigned topic in church history during the academic year."	Paper on church history written for class assignments during the current academic year By student or faculty submission
Unitarian Universalist Preaching Prize	To a master's-level UU student for a sermon that best embodies the values and seven principles of the UU tradition.	Written sermon By student or faculty submission

The Richard B. Hull Memorial Scholarship Est. 1993 by Rev. Charlotte Hull Whiting '79	“...to provide a cash scholarship award for the musical enrichment of a child or spouse of a full-time candidate for a master’s degree at Lancaster Theological Seminary. first preference will be for the child of a student second preference will be for the spouse of a student. . .”	The application is to be completed and submitted by the child or spouse who would receive the scholarship. (Link to application) By student submission For child/partner of full- time MDiv student
Glenn Dean Memorial Prize **Formerly known as The Class of 1974 Prize Fund and formerly combined with the Class of 1892 Prize for the Best Written Sermon	“The graduating class of 1974 hereby establishes a fund to provide for the Glenn Dean Memorial Prize. A prize is to be awarded annually, beginning with the 150th Anniversary Commencement in 1975, to the student who has made the most significant contributions in the arts, church music, or contemporary worship.”	By Faculty Nomination
The Frank Stalfa Faculty Prize in Pastoral Theology	In memory of the late Frank Stalfa, the faculty prize in pastoral theology is awarded to a senior student who demonstrates effective practices of pastoral care in both parish and non- traditional ministry settings.	By Faculty Nomination
The Edith and Robert T. Fauth Prize Est. 1988 by Robert and Edith Fauth Day Program Student	“We would desire that the annual income from the principal be credited equally to the accounts of the highest ranking students in the M.Div. classes, for the purpose of underwriting book purchases by these students. The awarding of the grants is not to be restricted by denomination. We would like the students to be notified of the source of the grants.” [Letter dated 12/8/88 from Robert T. Fauth to Peter Schmiechen.]	By Faculty Nomination
The Edith and Robert T. Fauth Prize Est. 1988 by Robert and Edith Fauth Weekend Program Student	“We would desire that the annual income from the principal be credited equally to the accounts of the highest ranking students in the M.Div. classes, for the purpose of underwriting book purchases by these students. The awarding of the grants is not to be restricted by denomination. We would like the students to be notified of the source of the grants.” [Letter dated 12/8/88 from Robert T. Fauth to Peter Schmiechen.]	By Faculty Nomination
The Nevin R. Frantz Prize in Rural Church Ministry	“... the award for a member of the graduating class showing promise for rural pastorate work.” [Letter dated 3/17/76 from Nevin Frantz, Jr. to Lyman Farrar.]	By Faculty Nomination
Guy and Emma Moyer Award	“an award to enable the student recipient of the award to continue his/her research and education through the purchase of desired books.”	By Faculty Nomination
Dr. Paul Reid Pontius Memorial Award in Worship	“We, at Trinity, suggest that a cash award be awarded to the top student in the area of worship at the annual commencement. [Letter dated 3/15/72 from Paul Pfeiffer, trustee, Trinity UCC, Greensburg.]	By Faculty Nomination
Rev. Thomas W. Rhoads Prize in Biblical Interpretation - Old Testament	“A prize intended for the purchase of resources to aid in the interpretation of Scripture to the seminarian who has demonstrated excellence in work in Old Testament courses and who shows promise of creative and responsible use of the Old Testament in the teaching and preaching ministries of the church.”	By Faculty Nomination
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Rural Church Prize	"It is given to a member of the graduating class for notable achievement in the field of rural church in the department of Church and Community. A cash award is given each year." [typed paragraph signed by Joel and Sara Hartman.]	By Faculty Nomination
The Frederick Schaeffer Prize in Church and Community	"...awarded to a seminarian chosen by the faculty who demonstrates excellence in the field of Religion and Society during the academic year." [Taken from a listing of prizes for the 1977 Commencement.]	By Faculty Nomination
Faculty Prize In Theology	This award is granted to a first year student in the MDiv program who demonstrates a high degree of creativity and analytic rigor in the study of theology through written work composed for any class.	By Faculty Nomination