

REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

TUITION AND THE RTS CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM



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THE CHALLENGE: FINANCING YOUR SEMINARY EDUCATION

Every man or woman 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.

THE SUPPORT SYSTEM: YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

At Reformed Theological Seminary, we are sensitive to the many needs of today's students and tomorrow's church leaders. Balancing academics, work, family life, ministry and personal time, students do not need the added pressure of financial debt.

At RTS two-thirds of the actual cost of tuition is already underwritten by generous friends and supporters of the seminary. This makes the cost of RTS extremely affordable – in fact, a quick survey of North American graduate schools reveals that RTS is a terrific value. But what about the remaining expense? How can seminary students complete graduate work without incurring debt? One answer lies in the seminary's and the student's most important asset – one's sending church or one's seminary church home!





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THE INVESTMENT: ASSISTING IN GOD'S CALLING

Christ charges His Church in the Great Commission to make disciples and to build the Kingdom of God. By investing in a seminary student, a local congregation has an immediate opportunity to be a direct part of God's work around the world. The Church can make no more significant investment to build the Kingdom of God than to encourage and equip tomorrow's servant leaders.

THE PLAN: THE RTS CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

How can your church help support you as you pursue God's calling through seminary education? RTS has a plan — the *RTS Church Partnership Program*. It is a plan that benefits everyone, but primarily assists the student.

Certainly every church would love to support a seminary student by paying his or her entire tuition, but we know that is not always possible. Whatever the level of church support available, the *Church Partnership Program* can make seminary education at RTS even more financially possible. The *RTS Church Partnership Program* is simple. Provided the student can demonstrate financial need, Reformed Theological Seminary will match the donation of the sending church with scholarship funds, up to one-third the amount of annual tuition. This plan can provide two-thirds of the expense of tuition, thus relieving the student of a great financial burden.

THE PROCESS: HOW CAN THE CHURCH HELP?

The first step in the process is application. Since RTS awards *Church Partnership* support as part of the financial aid program, each accepted student must apply for *Church Partnership* support by submitting a completed financial aid form.

Because the RTS scholarship budget relies upon limited funds, all scholarship assistance — including *Church Partnership* support — is awarded to those students who can demonstrate significant financial need. Financial aid

applications must be received by the scholarship committee by the deadline dates published on the application form.

To apply for *Church Partnership* support, the student must enclose with his/her financial aid application a letter from the supporting church signed by an authorized representative of the church. This letter must specify the amount of support to be given by the church as well as the date(s) the church will release these funds to RTS.

The church does not need to send any money with the application. Once the scholarship committee has acknowledged the student as a participant in the *Church Partnership Program*, RTS will credit the matching funds to the student's account on a semester by semester basis.

The church should accompany each gift sent to RTS on the student's behalf with a brief note to the Director of Financial Aid identifying the gift as *Church Partnership* support. These funds will then be immediately applied to the student's account.

THE BENEFIT: WORKING TOGETHER

The benefits of the *Church Partnership Program* are important: the student is helped financially; the church becomes a sending and supporting family. Moreover, RTS builds a stronger relationship with both the student and the local church.

We are partners together in building God's Kingdom and equipping servants to do His work.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, please visit our website to contact a campus representative or to download an application. Email your questions to info@rts.edu.

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