

TTC WOMEN SCHOLARS FUND (TTC WSF)

Vision

The Women Scholars Fund (WSF) seeks to enable women to exercise their God-given gifts and calling to serve as faculty members in seminaries in Asia.

Women lecturers in seminaries will provide a model for women training to be pastors. This in turn will encourage God's daughters in churches everywhere to serve more fully, in partnership with our brothers, for the good of God's Church and for God's glory.

Purpose

The WSF meets a gap in providing scholarships for women seeking postgraduate training. While Trinity Theological College and Singapore churches are able to support first degree and postgraduate students studying locally, it is more challenging to find funding for overseas studies that may be needed to better equip the candidate in her field of speciality.

Criteria for Application

1. This scholarship is only for women doing full-time postgraduate studies (MTh and above) and will be awarded according to the following priorities:
 - (a) TTC faculty-in-development (FID)
 - (b) Asian faculty-in-development studying in TTC
2. The TTC WSF Committee will make its decision based on academic merit and commitment to the applicant's church, ministry, and former seminary.
3. (a) TTC FID must be confirmed by TTC Board of Governors before they are eligible for the scholarship. After consideration of the application, the WSF committee will convey its decision to the TTC Principal for follow up.

(b) For Asian FID studying in TTC, application will be made directly to the WSF Committee, which will make their recommendation to the TTC Scholarship Committee. The final decision will be made by the Scholarship Committee and a WSF committee member.

The Application

Applicants may apply for the scholarship through TTC's Registrar's office. The following documents should be submitted:

- i. Completed application forms and supporting documents
- ii. Covering letter from the applicant's church pastor
- iii. Covering letter from the principal of the applicant's seminary, confirming her status as a faculty-in-development
- iv. The academic essay submitted for her postgraduate application

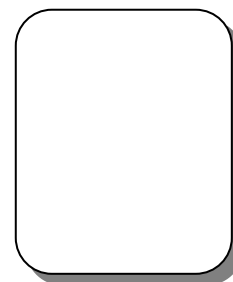
The award will be made after the WSF Committee has interviewed all the applicants in each given academic year.

The Award

1. The quantum of the award shall be based on the recipient's financial need after all other avenues for funding have been exhausted.
2. Yearly continuation will depend on academic results and ministry contributions.

TTC Women Scholars Fund Application Form

Please fill in the following detailed application in full, delete or complete as necessary providing as much information as possible, as this will determine the selection of scholarship recipients. Also provide a recent photo of yourself.



Mail this form to “Women Scholarship Fund Committee” c/o The Registrar’s Office, Trinity Theological College, 490 Upper Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 678093.
Or, email to maggie@ttc.edu.sg.

1. Full Name: Ms /Mr / Mrs / Rev / Dr (Block Letters)

2. Address: _____

3. Telephone No: (Home) _____ (Office) _____

(H/P) _____ (Email) _____

4. Place Of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

5. Nationality: _____ Race: _____

6. Status : (circle the appropriate)

Single / Engaged / Married / Divorced / Widowed

7. Number of children with ages: _____

8. Present Occupation: _____

9. Present Church Membership and date joined _____

10. Name and address of ALL employers up till the present time:

Employer

Year

State the areas of involvement in Christian ministry at present, whether in church or otherwise, the number of years you have involved and your spiritual gifts.

Please list all your educational / theological qualifications from secondary school to the present time:

Name of School	Year in / Year Out	Level Passed / Degree

11. Give the name and address and contact of the College, Seminary or School you intend to study at :

12. What is the degree which you hope to pursue at the above-named institution and the number of year you will require to complete it, beginning which year and month.

Degree : _____ (Diploma/Undergraduate/Postgraduate/Doctoral)

Number of years required : _____

From (Month / Year) _____ to (Month / Year) _____

13. Finances: In columns 2 and 3, state the total amount of fees required for a single student per academic year for tuition, and room and board. Indicate in columns 4 and 5, how much you are able to raise per year (from whatever source). Please attach to this application, a copy of the current official breakdown of expenses from the institution you are applying for.

Year	Tuition Fees	Room & Board, Book & Study Materials?, Medical & Insurance? (for self only? Pocket money)	Amount you have saved	Amount you anticipate from other sources – including gifts, scholarships & employment	Deficit required for which you are applying
First					
Second					
Third					
Fourth					
Total					

14. (a) State any scholarships / grants you have been awarded or expect to be awarded towards this course of studies and the amounts:

Scholarships / Grants

Amount

(b) Are you applying/awaiting for any other scholarship bodies to respond? If so, when do you expect to hear from them?

15. Give reasons why you have decided to study at this particular institution :

16. Answer in detail the following questions :

(a) How do you hope to use the degree you are going to study for after you have completed your studies?

(b) Where specifically do you intend to serve after graduating with this degree and in what capacity?

(c) Are there appropriate opportunities for you to use these qualifications in your homeland or in Asia?

17. Please provide below the names of 3 people who can serve as your referees. Of these, one must be your Pastor, another must be a current lay leader of your church, and third, someone who can vouch for your academic ability (e.g. former teacher/principal). Please send/email each of them the following Letter of Recommendation. Scholarships will NOT be awarded without adequate references.

17.1 Pastor: _____

17.2 Lay Leader: _____

17.3 Academic Referee: _____

18. Any other information which you feel would be of relevance in the consideration of your application :

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Name of Applicant: _____ (to be filled in by the Applicant)

The above applicant is applying for the TTC Women Scholars Fund. Please give your appraisal of the applicant below:

Please email this directly back to: **maggie@ttc.edu.sg**

I) How long, how well, and under what circumstances have you known the applicant?

II) Please give an estimate of the applicant's abilities for postgraduate theological study with particular reference to:

		Excellent	Good	Average	Inadequate	Unable To Report
1.	Intellectual Qualities					
	a) Comprehension					
	b) Creative Ability					
	c) Research Interest					
	d) Reflective Ability					
	e) Independence & Diligence					
2.	Language Proficiency					
	a) Ability to express orally					
	b) Ability to express in writing					

III) Please comment on the applicant's sense of calling to Christian ministry.

IV) How well is the applicant motivated to pursue postgraduate theological studies?

V) What has been the applicant's record as a participating church member?

VI) Please circle your overall recommendation for the applicant and your reasons:

Enthusiastically Strongly Fairly Strong With Reservation

Any other comments on the Applicant's strengths and weaknesses: _____

Name of Referee: _____ Position or title: _____

Church/Organisation: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

UNDERTAKING

I solemnly declare that should I receive an award from the TTC Women Scholars Fund (TTC WSF), I will undertake the following:

- (a) That on completion of the degree/studies for which the TTC WSF has been awarded, I shall be involved in Christian vocation in my homeland or in Asia. This is in compliance with the purposes for which the said Fund was originally established as set out in the Purpose Statement;
- (b) That I will remain on doctrinal and ethical standing compatible with Trinity Theological College as a Union College;
- (c) **That if I fail to abide by the above two undertakings, or if I am for any reason no longer a faculty-in-development of TTC or my own institution, I shall return the scholarship award in full to the TTC Women Scholars Fund;**
- (d) That during the period of my studies, I shall send written reports to the TTC WCF Committee at the end of each academic year to inform them of my academic progress as well as personal and ministry developments; and that I shall inform the institution at which I am studying to send official reports of my academic work. **The yearly quantum will be disbursed only upon receipt of such information, and the TTC WSF Committee reserves the right to cease further scholarship payments if academic results or other factors do not justify further support;** and
- (e) That I shall do my utmost, God being my help, to complete with merit or better, the course of study for which the award from TTC WSF has been given, so as to be a faithful and responsible steward of God's gracious provision.

I declare that all information provided by me in this application is true and hereby agree to the conditions set out in the Undertaking.

Signature

Date