

Cross Family Memorial Ministry Scholarship Program

The Cross Family and extended family have now included four generations of ordained ministers, including both parents of C. R. Cap Chesser, the late Cecil Chesser and Loweta Chesser, his aunt Shirley Spencer, uncle James A. Cross, and several cousins and extended family members. As a memorial to the Cross Family and as a resource for future aspiring ministry students, Mr. Chesser has hereby established this scholarship fund to assist students while attending Southwestern Christian University.

Southwestern Christian University is proud to offer the **Cross Family Memorial Ministry Scholarship Program** to support and equip students pursuing their calling in ministry. This scholarship is available to students majoring or minoring in Christian Studies who demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, spiritual growth, and active ministry involvement.

Scholarship Details:

1. **Christian Studies Majors:** Students accepted into the program who are Christian Studies majors will receive up to **\$6500 in tuition discount**.
2. **Christian Studies Minors:** Students accepted into the program who are minoring in Christian Studies will receive up to **\$3000 in tuition discount**.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Applicants must apply and be accepted into the Ministry Scholarship Program.
- Students must maintain a minimum **2.0 GPA** to remain eligible for the scholarship.
- Applicants must undergo a final interview for acceptance into the program. This interview will be conducted by the Religious Studies Department Chair, a Representative of the Cross Family Endowment, and a Representative of SWCU Administration.

Program Expectations:

1. **Ministry Residency:** Students are required to serve in a volunteer capacity at their home church during each semester. At the end of each semester, a **ministry report** must be submitted, completed by the student's supervisor or senior pastor.
2. **Chapel Team Service:** Students must actively participate on the **Southwestern Christian University Chapel team** during every semester they are in the program.
3. **Student Ministerial Alliance (SMA) Participation:**
 - Membership in the **Student Ministerial Alliance (SMA)** is mandatory for all scholarship recipients.
 - Students must maintain at least a **75% participation rate** in SMA events, which include:
 - Regularly scheduled meetings held on campus.
 - Campus-wide events hosted by SMA.
 - Two **off-campus leadership development experiences** each academic year (attendance is mandatory).