



## APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID

FST appreciates the commitment you are making to theological education, and to ministry in the Church and society. We understand that financing a graduate degree can be challenging in today's economy, and are delighted to be able to offer assistance. We recommend that applicants begin the financial aid process when they apply for admission. Please notify the Admissions department as soon as possible if you will be applying for financial aid. Recipients of Financial Aid will be notified of their award after their acceptance to FST.

Students receiving financial aid are expected to maintain a 3.2 grade point average (GPA) or higher. Failure to do so may lead to a reduction or termination of financial aid.

### Institutional Financial Aid

- **Scholarships** The Franciscan School of Theology offers scholarships to incoming full-time degree students. The Mary Stuart Rogers Scholarship and the Oliver Lynch Scholarship are awarded to applicants who have shown exceptional academic achievement in their previous academic work and who demonstrate financial need. Additional need-based scholarships are available. The terms and amounts vary based on each application, when it is received, and the availability of funds.
- **Tuition Reduction for Catholic Employees** Applicants employed in Catholic schools, parishes, religious orders, or related institutions, may be eligible for either a 25% reduction in tuition, or up to 50% matching funds from FST equal to their employer's contribution.
- **Tuition Reduction for Professed Members of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)** The particular and special relationship to those professed in the life of St. Francis motivates FST to extend financial support to professed members of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS). OFS applicants are also eligible for either a 25% reduction in tuition or up to 50% matching funds from FST when a fraternity contributes to their tuition.

Both degree and non-degree students taking courses for full-credit qualify for The Catholic Employee and OFS tuition reductions. The Catholic Employee and OFS Tuition Reduction cannot be combined with others types of institutional financial aid.

### How to Apply for Financial Aid

Priority deadlines for Fall admission are March 15 (first priority) and April 23 (second priority). The deadline for Spring is November 1. Financial Aid applications received after the deadlines will be considered in the order received, and according to academic merit, need, and the availability of funds.

Completed forms and documents may be uploaded [here](#), or sent via mail, or email to the FST Office of Admissions at 5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110, 619-574-5803; [admissions@fst.edu](mailto:admissions@fst.edu).

### US Citizens and Permanent Residents

1. Submit a [Financial Aid Application](#) form
2. Submit a Statement of Need detailing the nature and degree of your need for financial aid
3. Create an FSA ID. The FSA ID—a username and password—has replaced the Federal Student Aid PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites.
4. File a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA). FST's Federal School Code is **G11792**. The Department of Education uses the FAFSA to calculate your EFC number (Expected Family Contribution) which FST will use together with other information to determine your financial aid award.

5. Students awarded a federal student loan will need to follow the steps outlined on the [Unsubsidized Federal Loan](#) Information and Instructions sheet in order to accept and receive their loan.

### **International Students**

Limited tuition aid may be available to international students. In addition to steps one through four above, International Students must complete the [Financial Declaration Form for International Students](#) after being accepted by FST showing the amount of personal, family, sponsor, government, or other financial support in place for the upcoming academic year.

### **Members of Religious Orders**

In addition to the steps above members of religious orders must submit a statement from their superior indicating the amount of financial support (\$USD) to be provided by the Order in the upcoming academic year, the nature of the student's financial need, and the aid amount requested.

### **Catholic Employee Tuition Reduction**

Applicants for the Catholic Employee discount do not need to complete the FST Financial Aid Application or FAFSA. To apply for a Catholic Employee Tuition Reduction, simply submit a completed [Catholic Employee Tuition Reduction Application](#). The Catholic Employee Tuition Reduction cannot be combined with others types of institutional financial aid.

### **Professed Members of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) Tuition Reduction**

Applicants for the Professed Members of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) do not need to complete the FST Financial Aid Application or FAFSA. To apply for an OFS Employee Tuition Reduction, simply submit a completed [OFS Tuition Reduction Application](#). The OFS Tuition Reduction cannot be combined with others types of institutional financial aid.



NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE     MTS     MDiv     DUAL (MTS/MDiv)     Master of Arts (Theology) (MA)

FULL TIME:     12 units     9 units    PART TIME:     6 units     3 units

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Provide a *Statement of Need* with this completed form describing the nature and degree of your need for financial aid. Please tell us about your financial situation in more detail to clarify the general sense of your financial context. Your FAFSA data must also be complete in order to review your application. Additional instructions can be found in "How to Apply for Financial Aid" above.

Do you have existing academic debt?     Yes     No    If yes, how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have other sources of support?     Yes     No    If yes, how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have useable savings available?     Yes     No    If yes, how much? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Do you intend to work during your course of studies?     Full-Time     Part-Time     No

**NET MONTHLY INCOME**

<i>Yours</i>		<i>Spouse's (if applicable)</i>	
Job	\$ _____	Job	\$ _____
Family	\$ _____	Family	\$ _____
Other	\$ _____	Other	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	Total	\$ _____

**Total Monthly Income:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MONTHLY EXPENSES**

Mortgage/rent	\$ _____
Insurance (health, auto, etc.)	\$ _____
Loans (non-academic)	\$ _____
Line of Credit/Cards	\$ _____
Living (food, gas, utilities, etc.)	\$ _____

**Total Monthly Expenses:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF NEED** (Attach a statement of the nature and degree of your need for financial aid.)

**SIGNATURE** I certify that I am in need of financial assistance for my education and that all the information submitted herein is true and correct. I certify that I will use any funds granted to me only for payment of tuition, required fees, living expenses, books and instructional materials necessary for my academic program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Submit your completed financial aid application and documents [online](#), or send via mail, or email to the FST Office of Admissions at 5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110; 619-574-5803 admissions@fst.edu

**PRIVACY STATEMENT** The Franciscan School of Theology will keep all information on this application confidential. Non-Discrimination Policy: The Franciscan School of Theology repudiates all discriminatory practices, specifically those based on race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, disability, or any other protected status.

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FST Tuition Assistance	_____ %	\$ _____
Pastoral Employment	_____ %	\$ _____
Matching Funds	_____ %	\$ _____
MJR Scholarship	_____ %	\$ _____
Lynch Scholarship	_____ %	\$ _____
TOTAL	_____ %	\$ _____

\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date