



Spiritual and Religious Life Scholarships

2026-2027

This application will be used for the following awards (link at the bottom):

- **Religious & Spiritual Leadership Award: \$2,000-\$5,000** – Several awards will be offered to qualified students who have demonstrated spiritual or religious leadership either on campus or in an off-campus community.
- **Spiritual Life Leaders Mentorship: \$5,000-\$8,000** – Several recipients will be chosen; Spiritual Life Leaders commit to on-campus learning and leadership through the University Chaplaincy for 3-5 hours per week.
- **Cyrus Ames Wright Scholarship: \$5,000-\$15,000** – Varying amounts awarded to several students based on their interest in pursuing professional or for spiritual traditions that do not have ordaining/credentialing/professional leadership roles, significant long-term non-professional religious or spiritual leadership. We welcome applications from those in spiritual traditions that do not have professional clergy or leadership but have parallel paths.
- **K. James Davis Chaplain's Award for Spirituality and Social Justice: \$2,500** – One award given to a student who has offered leadership to the campus at the intersection of spirituality and social justice and achieved a 3.0 GPA or higher.
- **Reverend Don H. Glenn Memorial Scholarship: \$7,600** – One award given to a junior or senior interested in religious leadership (no application; automatic consideration).
- **Frank & Margaret Goodnough Memorial Scholarship: \$3,800** – One award given to a student interested in a career in the ministry, church music, or missionary work (no application; automatic consideration).

Eligibility:

- All returning undergraduate students are eligible to apply for any of the Spiritual & Religious Life Scholarships included in this application, including those who will be studying abroad in the coming academic year.
- You do not need to be part of any particular spiritual or religious tradition to be eligible to apply. These awards are primarily about engagement and leadership in relation to religion and spirituality, which does not always require that you be an active practitioner of a specific faith tradition.
- Puget Sound scholarships and grants may only be applied towards Puget Sound tuition. If a student receives other scholarships, grants, stipends, tuition remission or tuition exchange assistance designated to be used only for tuition and the sum of these awards exceed the cost of tuition, the scholarship or grant will be reduced or withdrawn until the amount of the tuition designed scholarships equal the amount of tuition. In cases where a student is receiving a “full need commitment” financial aid package, any additional scholarship awarded is subject to reduce other need-based grant assistance to ensure demonstrated financial need for the academic year is not exceeded.

Frequent Asked Questions:

- ✓ What if I’m studying abroad? Or graduating in December?
 - Please note this in your application, but we’ve had lots of students receive these awards while navigating these sorts of situations. If you have more specific questions about the financial impact of studying abroad or December graduation on these awards, please contact Joan Potter at jpotter@pugetsound.edu. If you’re curious about the impact of studying abroad or graduating in December on the programmatic aspects of the Spiritual Life Leaders’ Mentorship, please contact Dave Wright, dwright@pugetsound.edu.
- ✓ I’m not super religious (or religious at all), can I apply?
 - YES! These awards are meant to support students of all backgrounds in the various ways that spiritual or religious identity and practices are present in our community.
- ✓ The different scholarships and questions are a bit confusing. Can you clarify?
 - Absolutely!
 - Everyone should answer questions 1-3.
 - If you want to apply for the Spiritual Life Leaders Mentorship, also answer question 4.
 - If you want to apply for the Cyrus Ames Wright Scholarship, also answer question 5.
 - If you want to apply for the K. James Davis Chaplain’s Award, also answer question 6.

Example: If you’re applying for the general RSLA and the Cyrus Ames Wright, answer questions 1, 2, 3, and 5.

Frequent Asked Questions (continued):

- ✓ What about the Spiritual Life Leaders' (SLL) Mentorship? What does that entail?
 - Students selected for the SLL program are involved for generally around 3 hours each week (with significant flexibility), including participation in:
 - Weekly team meetings centered on learning about spiritual leadership in higher education, personal reflection, and group conversation.
 - Group and individual programs and experiences to develop and strengthen leadership experience and provide content for reflection on personal and collective growth.
 - Weekly meetings with a mentor (usually the University Chaplain) focused on their experience in the program, personal formation, and reflection.

- ✓ The Cyrus Ames Wright scholarship talks about professional or committed leadership. What does that mean?
 - Some religious and spiritual traditions have very structured processes to identify, train, and ordain religious leaders. Some don't have that process, or don't believe in ordination, but still have significant leadership roles for those committed to the work of a particular community of practice or belief. Some religious and spiritual leaders do their work outside of traditional structures all together. The intent of this scholarship is to provide support for those students who are somewhere in the journey of exploring what significant long-term spiritual leadership looks like for them.

If you have questions about or would like to discuss these awards, please contact University Chaplain Rev. Dave Wright, dwright@pugetsound.edu.

Complete the [Spiritual and Religious Life Scholarship Application](#).

Submit completed application by Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Questions? Contact Joan Potter (jpotter@pugetsound.edu) in Student Financial Services