

MTSO awards the Harding Scholarship each year to one exceptional full-time student entering a master's degree program in the fall. We're pleased you have chosen to apply.

To qualify, you must be admitted to a master's degree program at MTSO and have a minimum grade point average of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale for all undergraduate academic work completed. As an applicant for the Harding Scholarship, you must provide: this application form; a qualifying essay on the topic assigned on page 2 of this form; and a letter of nomination from a church or judicatory official, undergraduate faculty member, or undergraduate chaplain. **The Harding Scholarship application deadline is Feb. 1, 2012.**

If you are selected as a finalist, you must be available to come to the MTSO campus on Feb. 20 and 21, 2012, for the Harding Scholarship Interview Competition. Your personal interviews with members of the MTSO Student Aid Committee and participation in group discussion on a pre-determined topic will be the final components of the selection process. **If you are not awarded the Harding Scholarship, you will be considered for other scholarships at MTSO on the basis of your participation in this competition.**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full name _____ Birth date _____
Month/Day/Year

Male Female Email _____ S.S. number _____

Mailing or school address _____

City State ZIP Country

Home address _____

City State ZIP Country

Home phone (____) _____ Work (____) _____ Mobile (____) _____

DEGREE PROGRAM

- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts in Counseling Ministries (choose track below)
 - Track I - Pastoral Care and Counseling
 - Track II - Addiction Counseling
 - Track III - Pastoral and Professional Counseling
- Master of Arts in Practical Theology
- Master of Theological Studies

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

Please list information for all post-secondary institutions attended (beyond high school), including any institution where you are currently enrolled.

Institution (most recent first)	Location (city and state)	Attendance dates	Degree	Degree received/expected (Mo/Year)	GPA

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND AND VOCATIONAL GOALS

Denomination or religious affiliation _____

If you are United Methodist, what is your annual conference? _____

Are you in the candidacy process? Yes No

If yes, what stage? Inquiring Beginning Declaring Certified

Are you considering ordination within your denomination? Yes No Undecided

Are you considering parish ministry or serving in a church setting? Yes No Undecided

ESSAY

Please write a 1,500- to 2,000-word essay that addresses the following question. Attach your essay separately.

Reflecting on Sept. 11, 2001, and subsequent events, both national and international, what have we learned about the role of religion generally, and Christianity in particular, in a post-9/11 world? What do the things we've learned suggest for religious leaders in the next decade?

SIGNATURE AND MAILING

Signature _____

Date _____

Please send your completed scholarship application and essay to:

**Office of Financial Aid
MTSO
3081 Columbus Pike
Delaware, OH 43015**

Deadline: Feb. 1, 2012