



Cleon N. Mourer Seminary Loan Information Sheet

Luther Seminary is pleased to announce a new source of educational financing - **The Cleon N. Mourer Seminary Loan**. Students in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts, Master of Sacred Music and Master of Theology are eligible to apply. This loan is a partially forgivable loan for borrowers serving in “Ministry”. The loan carries a fixed rate of 5%. Ministry is defined as the following:

- A. Ordained ministry - is defined as service under call to a congregation or authorized ministry, subject to oversight by a recognized denominational body. Such ministries may include parish ministry, chaplaincy in specialized settings such as health care chaplaincy and pastoral counseling; campus ministry, spiritual direction, camps and missionary fields, and in synod, regional, and church wide offices.
- B. Lay ministry - is defined as service under call to a congregation or authorized ministry, subject to oversight by the congregation and/or a recognized denominational body, or service under the supervision of a congregation or agency. Such ministries may include work within a congregational setting or in a church-sponsored agency including youth ministry, chaplaincy, diaconal service, social work, advocacy, and related efforts.
- C. Missionary Ministry - is defined as service under call to a recognized denominational body or church agency for the purpose of sharing the Christian faith in international and domestic settings.

You will be eligible to have up to 50% of the original balance at repayment cancelled. The rate of cancellation will be 10% per year for the first 5 years. It will be the borrower’s responsibility to file the appropriate paper work to receive the cancellation benefit.

It is important to note that this will not be a federally insured loan such as the Federal Stafford or Federal Perkins loans. This means that you will not be able to include this loan in any Federal Consolidation Loan.

If you wish to be considered for the Mourer Loan you must check the appropriate box on the Luther Seminary Application for Financial Aid. We will have limited funds for this loan and it will be on a first come first serve basis. You must have a complete financial aid file to be considered.

Students receiving the Mourer Loan must be attending full-time. Full-time is defined as 3 or more courses per semester, full-time intern, full-time CPE.

As long as you are attending at least halftime interest and payments will be deferred.

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Repayment will begin on the earlier of: (i) the nine month anniversary of your graduation from the Seminary; or (ii) if you leave the Seminary for any reason other than graduation, the six month anniversary of the last day you were enrolled at least half time.

Once in repayment you may be eligible to defer your payments and interest for the following conditions:

<u>Deferment Type</u>	<u>Time Limit</u>
1. In-School: Full Time	None
2. In-School: Half Time	None
3. Graduate Fellowship	None
4. Rehabilitation Training	None
5. Unemployment	3 Years
6. Economic Hardship	3 Years

If you are experiencing temporary financial hardship and do not fit one of the above categories you may be able to postpone or temporarily reduce the amount of your monthly payment by requesting forbearance. Forbearance is granted at the discretion of the Seminary. During forbearance, interest will continue to accrue on the loan at your expense.

If you have any questions please contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@luthersem.edu.

Please remember that if you wish to be considered for the Mourer Loan you must complete the following:

1. Luther Seminary Application for Financial Aid
 - a. Checking the appropriate box.
2. Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

You may also be asked to submit copies of your most recent tax return and completion of the Federal Verification Worksheet.