

CHINESE CHRISTIAN MANDARIN CHURCH  
SEMINARIAN SUPPORT POLICY SUMMARY

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**Please read this support policy carefully and prepare the needed information. Submit the information to the Seminarian Support Committee according to the time line stated in this document. Should you have any question, feel free to contact the Seminarian Support Committee.**

1. Eligibility

- a. An active CCMC member, or a non-member actively serving at CCMC, shall be considered for financial support from the Seminarian Fund. The percentage of support varies based on the eligibility.

	<i>Member (5 years or more)</i>	<i>Member (Less than 5 years)</i>	<i>Non Member</i>
<i>Master Degree</i>	Up to 70% (Education & Living Expenses)	Up to 70% (Education only)	Up to 50% (Education only)

- b. The applicant must be pursuing a degree in Masters of Divinity, Master of Missiology, Master of Christian Education, or similar theological / ministry-related degrees. Consideration will not be given to support undergraduate student needs.
- c. The maximum lifetime support duration for an applicant is five (5) years.
- d. The candidate must meet the following criteria:
- ✓ Reflects clear testimony of personal salvation and Christian growth.
  - ✓ Has a record of seeking to know and do God's will.
  - ✓ Has a record of involvement in the Lord's work in a local church or other Christian ministries
  - ✓ Has clear evidence of the Lord's calling and the Holy Spirit's working.
  - ✓ Appears to have appropriate gifts for the particular ministry being pursued.
  - ✓ Basic doctrinal position shows to be consistent with the Bible.

## 2. Application Procedure

1. Obtain an application package (in paper form and/or in electronic form) from the Seminarian Support Committee. The package should include:
  - ✓ A summary of the support policy with a guideline for eligible financial support (this document)
  - ✓ The application form
  - ✓ The yearly budget form
2. Submit the followings to the Seminarian Support Committee:
  - ✓ The completed application form
  - ✓ The completed financial budget form
  - ✓ A testimony of calling
  - ✓ A record of involvement in ministry
  - ✓ A study plan
  - ✓ Other supportive materials, if any
3. Our pastoral staff and the Seminarian Support Committee will then interview the candidate, and based on the percentage listed in the table in section 1-a to determine the final amount of financial support per academic year.
4. The Seminarian Support Committee will present the financial need to the congregation for prayer support and financial pledges. A pledge form will be prepared for each candidate.
5. From the returned prayer support and financial pledges, the Seminarian Support Committee will help forming prayer support groups.

Each supported student is encouraged to communicate regularly with his/her prayer support group on needs for intercession.

6. If the pledges exceed the target, the excess contributions will remain in the Seminarian Fund and the congregation will be informed. The Seminarian Support Committee may apply the excess to other students. If the pledges are less than the financial need, the Committee will consider to makeup the difference with the Seminarian Fund.
7. If the planned education program or financial situation of a supported student changes, a separate support request should be submitted officially to the Seminarian Support Committee.

8. Each supported student must submit to the Seminarian Support Committee a progress report of his/her studies and a report concerning ministry activities outside of seminary by the end of each quarter or semester.
9. All pledges are for one academic year. Therefore, the amount of financial support will be determined annually.
10. The following application timeline should be observed. If an applicant should miss the deadline, the whole schedule will be shifted and the first check might not be sent on time.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
July 15 (for Fall semester), Nov. 15 (for Spring semester)	Deadline for application
The whole month of August or December	Faith pledge and evaluation process
Mid September or January	1 <sup>st</sup> support check sent with a confirmation letter
End of each quarter or semester	Student sends progress report and ministry activities report to Committee