

The LDA

DEAC* Scholarship Fund

*Diaconal Education Assistance Covenant

A Partnership in Diaconal Ministry Formation

The LDA prepares and supports people for ministries of service, enabling them to express their Christian vocation in the church and society. Putting their faith in action every day, they reach out to those at the margins of society, providing hospitality, hope, and care for physical, emotional, and spiritual needs.

The DEAC Scholarship Fund is the endowed scholarship program of the LDA. Because you, along with so many others, care about preparing servant leaders for ministry in our church and world, the LDA has designed the DEAC Scholarship Fund to enable you to have a part in that preparation.

Fund earnings help to provide an annual scholarship to a deserving student who is enrolled in the LDA's education/formation program.

A DEAC Endowed Scholarship Fund is established by a gift of \$15,000 to the LDA. The total gift may be spread over as many as five years with multiple contributions from several parties.

Grow With Us!

A DEAC Scholarship Fund makes it possible for

- families,
- groups,
- congregations, or
- organizations

to join together to establish a \$15,000 scholarship, providing a unique way to practice philanthropy together.



A scholarship fund provides support for future students into perpetuity.

Naming Your Deac Scholarship Fund

When you establish a DEAC Scholarship Fund you may give it a name which will live on. Below are just some of the possibilities.

You may wish to;

- recognize a deaconess whose ministry has made an impact on your life or lives in your congregation.
- honor parents or grandparents at birthday or anniversary events.
- establish a fund in memory of a loved one.
- celebrate the anniversary of a congregation in a special way.
- create a fund in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

A Legacy of Service

LDA students in the education/formation program are of all ages and backgrounds. The process takes most students 2-4 years to complete before being consecrated for diaconal ministry. With program fees, week-long student seminars, and attendance at annual conference, **total costs for a student often exceed \$15,000.**

Your legacy can effect a student each year. An endowed scholarship fund helps the LDA to provide program fee discounts of fifty percent to a student with financial need. Note the impact on deaconess Christine as a student and mother:

"I have always felt called to a ministry of service to others. I am immensely grateful for the financial resources you have shared, in order that I might follow the calling the Lord placed on my heart as a child. I never forget that the ministry I do is in partnership with you. Through your gifts supporting deaconess students, your heart for serving has accompanied mine. Thank you for believing in us and trusting God's call in your life. I could not have done this program without your help!"

How to Complete Your Gift

Your DEAC Scholarship Fund can be funded in a variety of ways. While the most common gift is cash, you may also consider a gift of other assets such as,

- Stocks
- Bequest in your will or trust
- Life insurance policy
- Charitable gift annuity beneficiary
- Designation from retirement plan assets
- And more...

Contact Christi Thieme, CFRE at deacserv@valpo.edu for more information.



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