

**National Episcopal Church Women (NECW)**  
**WOMEN IN THEOLOGY GRADUATE STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Deadline:** April 1, 2026

**Award Amount:** \$5,000

**Submit to:** [scholarship@ecwnational.org](mailto:scholarship@ecwnational.org)

### **OVERVIEW**

This scholarship supports women pursuing graduate-level studies in theology, religious studies, or ministry (lay or ordained).

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must:

- Identify as female
- Enrolled in a graduate program (M.Div., M.A. in Theology, or equivalent)
- Be active in an Episcopal parish
- Be involved with Episcopal Church Women or women's ministry group (parish, diocesan, or national level)
- Provide a letter of recommendation from an Episcopal priest

### **APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

1. Please include the following:
2. Personal Information Form (below)
3. Short Essays (3 total, see prompts)
4. Letter of Recommendation from your priest
5. Proof of Enrollment (acceptance letter or transcript)

### **SECTION I: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Full Name:

Mailing Address:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Diocese:

Parish Name & City:

ECW Involvement (parish/diocesan/national):

Graduate Program Name & Institution:

Degree Pursued:

Anticipated Graduation Date:

**SECTION II: ESSAY PROMPTS (300 WORDS EACH)**

1. Describe your call to theological study. What inspired your pursuit of lay or ordained ministry? How do you hope to serve the Church through your work?
2. How has your participation in Episcopal Church Women and your parish community shaped your spiritual journey and leadership?
3. How would this scholarship support your vocational path in theology or ministry?

**SECTION III: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION**

Please include one letter of recommendation from an Episcopal priest who knows you well and can speak to your faith, character, and commitment to ministry or healing work. Please email letter of recommendation to [scholarship@ecw.org](mailto:scholarship@ecw.org).

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

All application materials, except for letter of recommendation, must be submitted as a single PDF by April 1, 2026. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Email to: [scholarship@ecw.org](mailto:scholarship@ecw.org)