



YOUTH THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
PINKARD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant's Name _____
Last First Preferred Middle

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Student Cell Phone _____ Student Email _____

Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male

U.S. Citizen? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth: City (or country if not U.S.) _____ State _____

Religious Affiliation _____

Church / Congregation / Religious Community (if applicable) _____

Church Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

From what part(s) of the world do you trace your predominant racial/ethnic heritage? Please check those that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Africa | <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islands | <input type="checkbox"/> South America or Central |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> Europe | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caribbean | <input type="checkbox"/> Middle East | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North America | | |

Name(s) of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian _____

Primary Parent or Legal Guardian Contact _____
Cell Phone Email

School Name _____

School Address _____ School Phone _____

Name of School Guidance Counselor _____

Hobbies or Special Areas of Interest _____

RECOMMENDATIONS: One letter of recommendation is required as part of the application process. Choose a person who knows you well and is NOT a member of your family. Please list below the name, phone number and address of the persons who will complete the recommendation form. This form can be found under the **"Information for Nominated Students"** on the website.

Name _____ Phone Number (Area Code) _____

Address _____
Street Address *City, State, Zip Code*

ESSAYS: The Pinkard Scholars Program Admissions Committee members are interested in learning more about you. Grades and scores tell us many things about your academic performance, but they tell us little about the questions that intrigue you or the way you think about them. Therefore, we would like you to write two essays. You must answer the following question for your first essay. There are no right or wrong responses to these questions.

- What interests you most about the Pinkard Scholars Program and why do you want to attend?
 - a) Share a story that exemplifies your faith journey.
 - b) Identify **questions** that are important to you.

Choose **one** of the following questions for your second essay.

- Identify someone you know or admire who has made a difference in the world. How, specifically, has this person influenced your life? What are you currently doing that you really care about, and why is it important to you?
- What are you currently doing that you really care about, and why is it important to you? Who else is involved with you in this activity?
- Describe yourself from the outside in—that is, tell us how others might describe you. Then tell what you consider to be important about yourself that others might miss (*e.g.*, convictions, qualities, feelings, spiritual or religious experiences). Identify someone you know or admire who has made a difference in this world. How, specifically, has this person influenced your life?

I certify that all of the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge and that the enclosed essays are my work alone. In order to participate in the Pinkard Scholars Program, I understand that I must successfully complete my sophomore year of high school and plan to enter my junior year in the fall of **2025**. If accepted and if I choose to attend, I agree to participate for the duration of the program and to abide by the rules and regulations of the Pinkard Scholars Program. By typing my name in the space below, I hereby freely and voluntarily waive my rights of access to any information contained on the *Recommendation Form*, included as part of this application, that the statement shall remain confidential and that I grant permission for my *Academic Record Form and Transcript* to be released by high school officials for confidential use by the Youth Theological Studies Program at St. Mary's Seminary & University.

Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

By typing my name in the space above, I understand and agree that this form of electronic signature has the same legal force and effect as a manual signature.

Name of Parent or Guardian _____ Date _____

By typing my name in the space above, I understand and agree that this form of electronic signature has the same legal force and effect as a manual signature and that my son or daughter has permission to attend the Pinkard Scholars Program.

Your completed application, with accompanying forms must be received by May 14, 2025.

Email all submissions to czyambo@stmarys.edu.

CHECKLIST

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application Form | <input type="checkbox"/> One recommendation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two essays | <input type="checkbox"/> Academic record form and transcript |