



**Meadville Lombard**  
Theological School

## **Tsubaki Grand Shrine Travel Scholarship for Meadville Lombard Theological School Seminarians**

The Tsubaki Grand Shrine Travel Scholarship for Meadville Lombard Theological Seminarians is available to Meadville Lombard seminarians whose formation would be enhanced through international and interfaith engagement. Scholarship recipients will be provided with expenses for travel (not to exceed \$2,000) to the Tsubaki Grand Shrine (TGS) in Suzuka, Japan plus room and board at the Shrine for two to three weeks residence.

The visit may occur between December 2009 and August 2010 (to be coordinated with TGS) will be considered a Rotation (an on-site experience linked to a traditional academic course) with the approval of the student's faculty advisor. As outlined in the ML Academic Handbook, the TGS Scholar will receive one full credit for the rotation. Ordinary tuition rates will apply for the rotation.

TGS is one of the oldest Shinto shrines in Japan, dating back to the first century BCE. The long-standing relationship between Meadville Lombard and TGS has its roots within the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF).

This travel scholarship was established by Guji Yukiyasu Yamamoto, the 97<sup>th</sup> guardian priest of the shrine:

- to promote international and interfaith understanding,
- to provide opportunities for Meadville Lombard seminarians to develop a deeper understanding of shrine Shinto tradition, customs, and practices, and
- to further develop close relationships between the Tsubaki Grand Shrine and Unitarian Universalists.

The Tsubaki Grand Shrine Scholar will:

- agree to act in a manner consistent with his/her position of serving as a representative of Meadville Lombard while visiting the TGA
- take an academic course for credit in conjunction with his/or her visit
- have the full approval of his/her faculty advisor before applying for the Scholarship
- write a report about their experience, to be forwarded to the Director of Contextual Ministry at Meadville Lombard and Tsubaki Grand Shrine within one month of their return to Meadville Lombard.

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## Scholarship Guidelines

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A scholarship will be made to a Meadville Lombard seminarian whose formation would be enhanced through international and interfaith engagement.

## Application Procedure

1. Complete the enclosed application form and submit no later than 5pm on **November 2, 2009** and send to the Director of Contextual Ministry, 5701 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago, IL 60637.
2. Application will include a descriptive essay of your interest and reasons applying for the Tsubaki Grand Shrine Travel Scholarship and what you hope to achieve.
3. Application will include a signature from the School's Director of Records stating that the student is currently in good academic standing.
4. Application will include a signature of approval from the student's faculty advisor stating the academic course that will be linked to the rotation.
5. Applicants will complete and sign Expectations document.
6. You will receive notification of the award decision by November 9, 2009

## Application Review

The Scholarship Committee is comprised of the President of Meadville Lombard Theological School and the Director of Contextual Ministry.

## Application

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Date admitted: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates you would like to make the visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Optional: Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Application must include:

1. A two page introduction describing your path to seminary in which you highlight your vision for your ministry upon graduation.
2. A descriptive essay of your interest and reasons applying for the Tsubaki Grand Shrine Travel Scholarship.
3. What do you hope to achieve in your travels to the Tsubaki Grand Shrine in Suzuka, Japan?
4. A letter from the registrar stating you are in good academic standing.
5. A signature from your faculty advisor that specifies the academic course linked to the rotation.

**Please return this form no later than 5pm on November 2, 2009 to:**

Director of Contextual Ministry  
Meadville Lombard Theological School  
5701 S. Woodlawn Ave. Chicago, IL 60637

## Expectations of the Tsubaki Grand Shrine Scholar

The following expectations for the recipient of the Tsubaki Grand Shrine Scholar include the following:

- agree to act in a manner consistent with his/her position of serving as a representative of Meadville Lombard while visiting the TGA
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- have the full approval of his/her faculty advisor before applying for the Scholarship
- write a report about their experience, to be forwarded to the Director of Contextual Ministry at Meadville Lombard and Tsubaki Grand Shrine within one month of their return to Meadville Lombard.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the above expectations

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tsubaki Grand Shrine Scholar

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This agreement will be rendered void if any of the above expectations are not met.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tsubaki Grand Shrine Scholar

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Approval of Faculty Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and number of academic course linked to the rotation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date the course will be completed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Advisor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date