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The Bradford E. Ableson Scholarship was established in 2008 by Julia Ableson to honor her husband, the Rev. Dr. Bradford Edward Ableson, M.Div. 1985. The scholarship is awarded annually with a preference for students who are postulants or candidates for Holy Orders of the Episcopal Church and demonstrate superior promise for pastoral ministry.

The Harry Baker Adams Scholarship was created in 1993 by a gift from Frank P. Wendt, charter member and chairman emeritus of the Yale Divinity School Board of Advisors. The scholarship has since been augmented by numerous gifts from other friends, students, and admirers of Professor Harry B. Adams, B.A. 1947, B.D. 1951, who has touched the lives of so many who have attended the School. The purpose of the scholarship is to attract "the brightest and the best.”

The African Methodist Episcopal Church Scholarship was established in 2007 by Bishop Frederick Hilborn Talbot, M.Div. 1957, and his friends and family to honor him for receiving the YDS “Lux et Veritas” Alumni Award. This scholarship is awarded annually to students preparing for ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church or for students from Guyana.

The Henry W. Allis Scholarship was established in 1890 by Mrs. Emily W. Colton of New Haven as a memorial to her son, Henry W. Allis, of the Yale College Class of 1844, who died in 1841. The income from the fund is to be used to assist needy theological students.

The Harold and Jan Attridge Scholarship is awarded annually to students at YDS from any denomination or religious background who display exceptional promise of serving the church either in pastoral ministry or in the academic study of the theological disciplines.

The Charles Atwater Scholarship Fund was established in 1864 by Mr. Charles Atwater, Jr., B.A. 1834, to benefit deserving YDS students.

The Edward E. Atwater Scholarship Fund was established in 1867 by Rev. Edward E. Atwater, B.A. 1836, to benefit deserving YDS students.

The Margaret Bamiduro and Rev. Keith A. King Scholarship was established in 2014 by Ademuyiwa Bamiduro, Esq., M.Div. 2013. The scholarship honors his mother, Margaret Bamiduro, and his teacher and mentor, Rev. Keith A. King. Preference for this scholarship is given to students from the Baptist tradition, particularly African American students and students from other underrepresented ethnic groups.

The Elizabeth Hunt Barney Scholarship Fund was established in 1963 in memory of Elizabeth Hunt Barney, former registrar of the Divinity School, by her family and friends. The scholarship is to benefit deserving YDS students.

The David L. Bartlett Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by friends and former students to honor the life and work of Professor David L. Bartlett, B.D. 1967, M.Phil. 1969, Ph.D. 1972. David Bartlett is the J. Edward and Ruth Cox Lantz Professor Emeritus of Christian Communication and the former dean of academic affairs at the Divinity School. Preference for this scholarship is given to promising M.Div. students preparing for ordination to the Christian ministry.

The Elisha Bates Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established by the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Bates Johnson ’84 M.Div., in memory of her ancestor Elisha Bates (b. 1781, Virginia; d. 1861, Ohio), who was a prominent Quaker minister and social justice advocate in Ohio during the mid-1800s. The fund has a preference for M.Div. women students who self-identify as United Church of Christ or another mainline U.S. Protestant denomination. Eligible students must have demonstrated leadership in social justice issues and exhibit promise for exceptional leadership in ministry focused on social justice education and outreach.

The George and Carol Bauer Scholarship was established by George Bauer in 2011. The scholarship is to benefit one or more deserving students with demonstrated financial need.

The BDS General Scholarships were established in 2005 for the Berkeley Divinity School with no further restriction.

The Joseph B. Beadle Scholarship was established in 1869 by a gift from Joseph Blakslee Beadle in honor of his son, John Beadle, a member of the Yale College Class of 1886. The fund is to be used for scholarship in YDS without restrictions.

The Howard C. Benson Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by a bequest from the estate of Rev. Howard C. Benson, S.T.M. 1953. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Reverend and Mrs. Allen C. Blume Scholarship in support of outstanding YDS students in need of financial aid was created in 1992 by Allen C. Blume, B.D. 1959, and his wife, Phyllis, as part of the effort of the Classes of the ’50s to raise new scholarship endowments. Members of the United Church of Christ receive preference for this scholarship.

The Richard Borden Fund was established in 1863 by Col. Richard Borden, father of M.C.D. Borden, a member of the Yale College Class of 1864. The scholarship is to benefit deserving YDS students.

The Charles Minor Boswell Memorial Fund was established in 1883 to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Reverend Frederic L. Bradley Endowment Fund (Class of 1924) was established in 1993 in his memory by his widow, Martha Bradley. The income is to assist students studying for the Episcopal priesthood.
The Clifton Hartwell Brewer Fund was created in 1949 by Maud Dorman Brewer in memory of her husband. It is to be used for general scholarship purposes at YDS.

The William Roy Brown and Dora Margaret Wade Brown Scholarship was established in 1997 by a gift from Helena C. Brown, M.A.R. 1970, in memory of her parents. The scholarship is open to all students regardless of race, color, creed, or denominational status.

The Edward Bull Fund was established by Mrs. Eliza Ann Bull in memory of her husband, Rev. Edward Bull, a member of the Yale College Class of 1816. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Alice K. and William J. Burger Scholarship Fund was established in 1985 by Rev. William Burger, B.D. 1938, and his wife to aid needy students who enter YDS before age thirty.

The George A. Bushee Memorial Fund was established in 1962 by Mrs. Florence E. Bushee in memory of her husband, George Aldrich Bushee, B.D. 1896. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The John and Alice Byers Scholarship was begun in 1990 by John and Alice Byers, B.D. 1949. The scholarship is for students who are preparing for the parish ministry, with preference given to members of the United Church of Christ.

The Canaday Scholarship was established by Wilbur D. Canaday, Jr., B.D. 1945, to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from YDS. Its purpose is to provide financial assistance to needy students who show great promise.

The William R. Cannon, Jr., Scholarship was established in 1981 to honor Bishop Cannon, M.Div. 1940, for his distinguished service to World Methodism as well as his concern for ecumenical ministry. The scholarship is given by preference to ministerial candidates from any of the World Methodist churches from the United States and from abroad—United Methodist, A.M.E., A.M.E.Z., C.M.E., True Methodists, and Wesleyan.

The J. Fuller and Pansy B. Carroll Scholarship Fund was established in 2009. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for Episcopalians.


The Paul Wesley Chalfant Scholarship was created in 1989 by Paul Chalfant, B.D. 1947. The donor was the author of God in Seven Persons—Blessed Multiplicity.

The Susan C. Clarke Scholarship was established in 1896 by a bequest of Susan C. Clarke of Middletown, Connecticut. The income from this fund is to be used for general scholarship.

The Class of 1950 Scholarship was established in 1993 by members of the YDS Class of 1950, led by class agents George and Doris Younger, in response to the “Classes of the ’50s” Endowment Drive of 1991–93 and as a lasting memorial of their gratitude to the School. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student needing financial assistance to complete the student’s YDS education.

The Class of 1951 YAF Scholarship was established by members of the Class of 1951. The scholarship is awarded annually to students needing general financial assistance.

The Class of 1952 Scholarship was founded with gifts from the Class of 1952 on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of their graduation from YDS and in response to a challenge from their class secretary, Richard C. Stazesky. Class agent Richard M. Mapes coordinated the fundraising effort. The scholarship is awarded each year to an outstanding student pursuing a Master of Divinity degree.

The Class of 1952 International Student Scholarship was established in 2002 on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of the Class of 1952 to attract and prepare the best and brightest international students. Preference is given to students from Asia, South America, and Africa.

The Class of 1953 Scholarship was endowed between the years 1991 and 1994 as part of the YDS Capital Campaign. Led by successive class agents Henry K. Yordon and Frank Snow, members of the Class of 1953 created this fund as part of the “Classes of the ’50s” Endowment Drive. The scholarship is to be awarded to students who show both financial need and a special aptitude for theological study.

The Class of 1954 Scholarship was completed on the occasion of the fortieth reunion year of the class, partly through memorial gifts in honor of the late Clarence Edward Egan, Jr., the class’s longtime class agent, who died during the final year of the effort. Frederic Guile and Rodney G. Sneadeker were responsible for the final phases of fundraising. The scholarship is to be awarded with an eye toward assisting those who might encounter special obstacles in their ministries because of their gender, race, or sexual orientation.

The Class of 1956 Scholarship was established in 1992 through the Alumni Fund contributions of the members of the YDS Class of 1956 in the academic years 1991–93. Class of 1956 class agent Frank A. Mullen was responsible for bringing together the class’s gifts to create a fund to support a needy student at the School. More than 50 percent of the class participated in this venture.

The Class of 1957 Scholarship was established as an endowed fund in 2007 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion in thanksgiving for the education YDS gave to the class members. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student needing financial assistance to complete the student’s YDS education.
The Class of 1958 Scholarship was created at the time of that class’s thirty-fifth reunion and was their response to the YDS “Classes of the ’50s” scholarship endowment drive. Class agent James D. Hammerlee was assisted by classmate James K. Donnell in achieving the class’s goal. The interest from the endowment is to be used to support a needy student, with preference given to one intending to enter the ordained ministry.

The Class of 1959 Global Opportunities Fund was created in 2009 by the YDS Class of 1959 on the occasion of its fiftieth reunion. Preference for this fund is given to YDS students studying abroad or to international students studying at YDS.

The Class of 1959 YAF Scholarship was established by members of the YDS Class of 1959. The scholarship is awarded annually to students needing general financial assistance.

The Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund was created in 2011 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion to provide financial aid to YDS students.

The Class of 1962 Scholarship was established by members of the Class of 1962 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion in 2012. The scholarship is awarded annually to one or more students with a demonstrated financial need.

The Class of 1963 Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of one or more deserving students.

The Class of 1964 Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of one or more students.

The Class of 1966 Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of one or more students.

The Class of 1967 Divinity Scholarship was established in 2017 on the occasion of the class’s fiftieth reunion for the benefit of deserving students.

The Class of 1976 Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 on the occasion of the class’s fortieth reunion for the benefit of deserving students.

The Class of 1985 Scholarship Fund was established in 2010 on the occasion of the class’s twenty-fifth reunion. The fund will be awarded to aid students demonstrating financial need.

The Lillian Claus Scholarship was established in 1981 by Miss Lillian Claus of Ridgewood, Queens, New York. Miss Claus, who in 1985 also gave the Claus Chair in New Testament, contributed the scholarship “so that the learned and learning ministry might continue at the Yale Divinity School.” The proceeds from the fund are awarded to needy students planning to enter the parish ministry.

The William Sloane Coffin, Jr. Scholarship was founded in 2005 by former students who were deeply influenced by Coffin’s ministry at Yale. During his tenure as University Chaplain from 1958 to 1975, Coffin emerged as an eloquent and forceful national leader on issues ranging from poverty in Africa to the civil rights movement and the Vietnam War. One of the School’s merit scholarships, it is awarded annually to outstanding students who show some of the attributes of the legendary pastor’s prophetic leadership, passion for justice, and critical theological interpretations of the contemporary social and political scene.

The Dr. George A. Comstock Fund was established in 1968 through a bequest of George A. Comstock of Ansonia, Connecticut. The income of this bequest to Berkeley Divinity School is used annually to provide financial aid for students of limited means who are preparing to serve as clergy of the Episcopal Church. The conditions of awarding such financial aid are determined by the Trustees of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.

The Gordon L. Corbett Financial Aid Fund was established in 2016 to provide financial aid to YDS students without restriction. The fund was formerly known as the Reverends George Henry Hubbard, Warren W. Pickett, and Gordon L. Corbett Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1986 by Gordon L. Corbett to honor three YDS graduates: Rev. George Henry Hubbard, B.D. 1884; his son-in-law the Rev. Warren W. Pickett, B.D. 1920; and his son-in-law the Rev. Gordon L. Corbett, B.D. 1948.

The William H. Coston Fund was established in 1938 by Rev. William H. Coston, B.D. 1886. Preference for this scholarship is given to graduates of A.M.E. high schools.

The Z. Marshall Crane Scholarship Fund was established in 1936 by a bequest of Z. Marshall Crane of Dalton, Massachusetts, who received a B.A. from Yale College in 1900.

The George Darrow Scholarship Fund was established in 1931 by a bequest from the estate of George Darrow. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students studying for the ministry.

The Arthur Vining Davis Foundation Scholarship, established in 2006, benefits a student in need of financial aid. The Foundation was created by Arthur Vining Davis, a former president of Alcoa and the son of a Congregational minister.

The Dean’s Scholarship Fund was established in 2013 by Professor Gregory E. and Adrián O. Sterling. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students from Churches of Christ and then to Roman Catholic students.
The John DeForest Scholarship Fund was established in 1866 by John DeForest, B.A. 1826, M.D. 1829. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The David M. Diener Scholarship was created in 1991 by Mrs. T. Diener Allen, B.D. 1935. Mrs. Allen, a gifted writer from Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, gave the scholarship in memory of her father. It will be used for general scholarship.

The James Dittes Scholarship was established in 1996, with a generous gift from an admiring alumnus, to celebrate the career of Professor Dittes, who began teaching at Yale in 1955. The scholarship is open to all students.

The Divinity Scholarships were established in 2000 through the generosity of various donors to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Divinity YAF Scholarship Fund was established in 2003 through the generosity of various donors to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Edward Payson Drew Scholarship was established in 1952 by a bequest of Julia N. Drew as a memorial to her husband, Edward Payson Drew, B.A. Yale College 1891. Annual awards are made to students preparing for full-time Christian service who demonstrate both need and ability.

The George E. Dunham Fund was established in 1860 by Austin Dunham and Austin C. Dunham, B.A. 1854, in memory of George E. Dunham, a member of the Yale College Class of 1848, who drowned in his senior year. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Jessie Ball duPont Scholarship Fund was established in 1984 by a gift from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious Charitable and Educational Fund of Jacksonville, Florida. The endowed fund provides scholarship assistance.

The William S. Eakin Fund was established in 1881 by Mrs. Mary E. Eakin in memory of her husband, William S. Eakin, a member of the Yale College Class of 1846. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Alfred S. Edwards and Alice B. Edwards Memorial Fund was established in 1968 for scholarships for students training for the clergy.

The Eight Decades of Women Endowment Fund was established in 2011 at a reunion celebrating eight decades of women at Yale Divinity School. The YDS Alumni Board led the effort to raise the funds, and the scholarship has a preference for women students with demonstrated financial need.

The Henry L. Ellsworth Scholarship Fund was established in 1860 to support students “needing such assistance and having the settled and avowed purpose of entering the Gospel ministry…who by their proficiency in study give decided promise of future success and usefulness in the ministry.”

The Ronald and Janet Evans Scholarship was established in 2007 by the First Congregational Church of Darien, Connecticut. The scholarship is to honor Rev. Evans’s (B.D. 1970) twenty-two years of ministry as senior pastor of the congregation and will be awarded annually with a preference for students preparing for service in parish ministry.

The Samuel J. Evers Scholarship was established to contribute to Christian theological education by the Board of Missions and Benevolences of the Union Memorial Church, Stamford, Connecticut, to honor their first pastor, the Rev. Dr. Samuel J. Evers, B.D. 1895, and to commemorate the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church he helped to found.

The Fiers-Cook Scholarship Fund, established in 1981, celebrates the lives of two YDS alumni, A. Dale Fiers, B.D. 1935, and Gaines A. Cook, B.D. 1925. The fund serves also as a memorial to the former Southside Christian Church of Toledo, Ohio. Scholarship awards are made to deserving students who are members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Eleazar T. Fitch Fund was established in 1893 by a bequest from the estate of Mrs. Mary C.L. Fitch in memory of her husband, Eleazar T. Fitch. Eleazar Fitch served as the Livingston Professor of Yale Divinity School (1817–52), a position he filled after it was vacated by the death of Yale College President Timothy Dwight IV. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The William H. Fogg Scholarship was established in 1892 by a bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Fogg as a memorial to her husband. It is to be awarded to students whom the faculty recommend as evidencing notable character, ability, and scholarship.

The Charles W. Forman Scholarship was established in 1987, the year of Professor Forman’s retirement from YDS, to honor his thirty-four years of service to the School. Preference is given to a needy student from overseas.

The Joan Bates Forsberg Scholarship was established in 1993 through the gifts of more than four hundred YDS graduates and other admirers of Joan Bates Forsberg, B.D. 1953, on the occasion of her retirement after more than twenty years of service to the School as an advocate for women and as registrar, assistant dean and director of admissions, and associate dean for students and lecturer in practical theology, and in honor of her distinguished career in social and pastoral ministry. The scholarship is awarded to a student intending to pursue a creative pastoral ministry in a setting other than the parish.

The Orin Fowler Fund was established in 1863 by Mrs. Mary B. Young in memory of Orin Fowler, a member of the Yale College Class of 1815. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.
The Elizabeth Hart and Donald Hart Frazier Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by Rev. Elizabeth Frazier, M.Div. 1940, through planned gifts for the scholarships.

The Frazier-Young Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 by retired Coast Guard Reserve Captain Albert D. Young, Jr., and his wife, Bonnie Frazier Young. It is awarded to YDS students of any denomination who are, or who are training to become, chaplains in the United States Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard. The scholarship honors Rev. Elizabeth Frazier, M.Div. 1940, and her husband, Rev. Donald Frazier, M.Div. 1938.

The Don W. and Louise E. Frogge Scholarship Fund was established in 2008. Preference is to be given to students who are planning to enter the pastoral ministry and who come from the Middle West.

The Mary Eileen Fuget-Hayes Scholarship was established by friends of Mary Fuget (Class of 1936) to honor her memory. One of the first black women to attend YDS, she devoted her efforts to the YWCA and social work. Bernice Cosey Pulley, B.D. 1955, was instrumental in securing the original funds for this award.

The George Gabriel Fund was established in 1872 by George Gabriel of New Haven, Connecticut, for “needy and meritorious students of the Divinity School who give promise of usefulness.”

The Raymond and Marjorie Gibbons Scholarship was established in 2002 by Raymond Gibbons as an unrestricted scholarship in appreciation for what YDS has meant to their children, David, Paul, and Jane.

The Samuel Templeman Gladding Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by Samuel T. Gladding, M.A.R. 1970. The fund has a preference for students who are Baptist and from the Southeastern United States.

The Thomas E. Golden, Jr. Endowed Scholarship was established in 2013 by a bequest from the estate of Thomas E. Golden, Jr., a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1951. The fund has a preference for students who self-identify as Catholic.

The Goodman Scholarship was established by Mrs. Mary Ann Goodman in 1872 to assist “people of my own color” in preparing for the Christian ministry. This was the first gift in the history of Yale University by an African American.

The J. Luke Goodwin Scholarship Fund was established in 1986 by the First Presbyterian Church of Aiken, South Carolina, as a tribute to their pastor of twenty-three years, the Rev. Mr. Goodwin, B.D. 1948. Preference is shown for a southern student seeking ordination who demonstrates both financial need and an ability to succeed in the ministry.

The Rev. Dr. John Ogden Gordon and Family Scholarship Fund was established through the gift in 1986 of an ancestral home in Rensselaerville, New York, by Mrs. Katherine Edwards Gordon Ridgway. The scholarships memorialize not only her grandparents, John Ogden Gordon, M.A. Yale University 1901, and his wife, Emma Ward Bacon Gordon, but also Mrs. Ridgway’s uncle, Alexander Gordon, B.A. Yale College 1904, and her father, John Hamlin Gordon, B.A. Yale College 1913. This assistance is for students who demonstrate both financial need and a clear intent to enter the Christian ministry.

The Grant Me the Wisdom Global Women’s Scholarship was established in 2011 by Debbie McLeod Sears, M.Div. 2009, for the benefit of women from developing countries who are seeking ordained ministry and plan to focus on the needs of the poor.

The Robert W. Greene Scholarship was created in 1988 to honor the thirty-year pastorate of the Rev. Robert W. Greene, B.D. 1946, by the Northfield Congregational Church in Weston, Connecticut.

The Roger C. Gustafson Scholarship was established in 2001 with an anonymous gift as an unrestricted scholarship.

The Rev. Alfred Theodore Halsted Jr. ’56 Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by Rev. Halsted. Preference for the fund is given to YDS students with financial need who self-identify as United Methodist.

The Joel Hawes Fund was established in 1860 by William W. House and Calvin Day, B.A. 1857. The fund honors the Rev. Joel Hawes (1789–1867), pastor of the First Church in Hartford for forty-four years and a longtime member of the Yale Corporation (1846–67). The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The William Haynsworth Scholarship Fund was established in 2003 by a bequest from the estate of Rev. William McCall Haynsworth III, B.D. 1953 from the Berkeley Divinity School. Rev. Haynsworth was a World War II naval veteran and longtime Episcopal priest and chaplain in New York. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students seeking advanced or additional graduate degrees.

The Reverend Jacob Hemingway Scholarship was established in 1936 by a bequest of Arthur F. Hemingway of New Haven as a memorial to the Rev. Jacob Hemingway, B.A. 1704, the first student in Yale College and for more than fifty years the pastor of the Congregational Church of East Haven, Connecticut.

The Jerry W. Henry ’80 M.Div. Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 by Jerry W. Henry, M.Div. 1980. Henry was president of the Divinity School Alumni Board and served on the Dean’s Advisory Council and the Board of Governors of the Association of Yale Alumni.

The James Hillhouse Scholarship was established in 1859 by Miss Mary L. Hillhouse. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.
The Albert Hobron Fund was established in 1902 by a bequest from the estate of Albert Hobron, M.D., of New London, Connecticut. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students studying for the ministry.

The Paul L. Holmer Scholarship Fund was established by friends and former students of Professor Holmer, Ph.D. 1946, in 1987, the last of his twenty-seven years of distinguished service on the faculty.

The Mary Wooster Hotchkiss Fund was established in 1895 by the Female Education Society, an organization formed for the purpose of assisting young people studying for the ministry. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The G.D. Jackson Memorial Scholarship and Loan Fund was established in 1963 by Maurice H. Givens, Ph.B. 1909, Ph.D. 1917, in memory of his father-in-law for the benefit of deserving YDS students.

The Nora McLean Jackson Scholarship was established in 2007 with an anonymous gift. It honors the life and spirit of Mrs. Jackson and the School’s commitment to a diverse student population. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for African American students.

The Kenneth L. and Elizabeth H. Jacobs Scholarship was established in 2009 by Kenneth L. Jacobs, S.T.M. 1976. The scholarship is awarded to students who demonstrate financial need. Preference is given to those preparing for pastoral ministry and who are members of either a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Lutheran, Presbyterian, Reformed Church in America, or United Church of Christ.

The Catherine W. Jarman Fund was established in 1899 by a bequest from the estate of Catherine W. Jarman, whose son Francis T. Jarman was a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1848. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Jarvis Trust Fund was established in 2005 by a bequest from the estate of Rev. Dr. Samuel Farmar Jarvis, a member of the Yale College Class of 1805, and priest and rector of St. Paul’s Church in Boston, Massachusetts. This scholarship is awarded to graduates of Berkeley Divinity School, for the study of ecclesiastical law or ecclesiastical history, and to students of Berkeley Divinity School.


The Ralph C. Kauffman Scholarship was established in 2006 by the estate of Ralph C. Kauffman, B.D. 1940. The purpose of the gift is general scholarship for Divinity School students in need.

The Leander E. Keck Scholarship was established in 2008 to honor the former Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology and dean of Yale Divinity School.

The David H. Kelsey and Julie V. Kelsey Scholarship was established by their family and friends in 2008 and is awarded annually to an M.Div. student intending to embark on a career in Christian ministry. David Kelsey, the Luther A. Weigle Professor Emeritus of Theology at YDS, retired in 2005.

The Bishop Benjamin Tibbets Kemerer Scholarship honors the former Episcopal bishop of Duluth, who worked with local Native American Episcopalians in the 1930s. Established in 2006, the scholarship is awarded to students who will receive a Berkeley Divinity School Diploma or Certificate in Anglican Studies, with a preference for Native American students.

The Clinton Kew Unitrust was established in 2012 by a bequest from the estate of Dr. Clinton Jeremiah Kew. Dr. Kew graduated with a B.D. in 1900 from Berkeley Divinity School and was an Episcopal minister. Preference for this scholarship is given to BDS students without further restriction.

The Bonnie Pedrotti Kittel Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by Rev. Paula B. Nordhem in memory of Bonnie Pedrotti Kittel, a professor of Biblical Hebrew at YDS and an ordained Presbyterian minister. The fund has a preference for YDS students who show a special interest and aptitude in Hebrew or biblical theology.

The Forrest Knapp Scholarship was created in 1977 by bequest of Forrest, B.D. 1924, and Helen Knapp. The purpose of the gift is general scholarship.

The James B. Kurtz Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by a Charitable Gift Annuity from James B. Kurtz, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1950. Preference for this scholarship is given to Protestant students from west of the Mississippi River.

The James LaForce and Stephen G. Henderson ’87 M.A.R. Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by Stephen Henderson, M.A.R. 1987, and James LaForce to encourage diversity and acceptance within the YDS student body. The award has a preference for students enrolled in the M.A.R. program who self-identify as lesbian, bisexual, gay, transgender, or queer.

The Sam S. and Ima Lou Langley Scholarship was established in 2005 by Sam S. Langley, M.Div. 1952, to memorialize his wife, Ima Lou, and honor his own many years of ministry. This annual scholarship goes to YDS students, preferably those preparing for ministry either in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) or in the United Church of Christ.

The W. Douglas, Ruth Hester, and Bernadine Regnell Larson Fund was established in 2011 by Mrs. W. Douglas Larson. The scholarship is intended to support students associated with the institutions that nurtured or were served by W. Douglas, Ruth Hester, and Bernadine Regnell Larson. Preference is given to women or students considered to be members of a disadvantaged minority.

The Rev. Priscilla A. Lawrence and Patrick J. McLampy Scholarship Fund was established in 2011 by Rev. Priscilla A. Lawrence, M.Div. 1990, and Patrick J. McLampy. The scholarship is to benefit students who wish to integrate the study of environmental issues and faith in their professional lives and those who wish to study the cultural and ethical dimensions of environmental problems.

The William Leffingwell Fund was established in 1859 by Mrs. Caroline M. Street in memory of her father, William Leffingwell, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1786. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Marjorie Peace Lenn and D. Jeffrey Lenn Scholarship was established in 2011 by D. Jeffrey Lenn, S.T.M. 1969, and Rebecca Peace Lenn, M.A.R. 2010, in honor of wife/mother Marjorie Peace Lenn. Rebecca Peace Lenn added her father’s name to the scholarship when he passed away in 2017. The fund has a preference for students in the M.A.R. program, especially those committed to a career in public service in the United States or abroad.

The Leupe Scholarship was established in 1993 through the gift from John Leupe, B.D. 1945, in anticipation of the fiftieth anniversary of his graduation from the School. The qualifications for this scholarship include financial need and exhibition of integrity and achievement not necessarily reflected in grade point average.

The James M. and Kathleen E. Linton Trust was established in 1964 for scholarships for students at Berkeley Divinity School preparing for the ordained ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. These students are to be determined by the dean of Berkeley Divinity School.

The Ruth Lister Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 by the Ruth Lister Family Trust. The scholarship is to fund students, with preference given to women studying at the Divinity School, especially those having an interest in Christian education and mission.

The Harold Long Scholarship was established in 2006 to provide financial aid for students, with preference given to African American students.

The Sidney Lovett Scholarship was established in 2007 with an anonymous gift. It honors Rev. Lovett’s service to YDS and to Yale University, where he served as chaplain from 1932 to 1958.

The Leopold and Sigrid Lussier Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by Alan Sorem, M.Div. 1966, in honor of his grandchildren. The fund preference is for M.Div. students preparing for the Christian ministry.

The Abraham J. Malherbe Scholarship was established in 1999 to honor Professor Malherbe, who served on the faculty from 1970 to 1994. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving YDS student, with preference given to those from the Churches of Christ.

The George W. Mallory Fund was established in 1915 by a bequest from the estate of George W. Mallory. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Aaron Manderbach Scholarship Fund was established in 1982 by the parishioners and friends of Saint Stephen’s Episcopal Church, Ridgefield, Connecticut, to honor their retired rector of twenty-five years. The fund provides scholarship aid for needy students training for the ordained Episcopal ministry.

The Robert C. Mansfield Memorial Fund was established in 1931 by a bequest from the estate of Robert C. Mansfield, a member of the YDS Class of 1926. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Mather Scholarship Fund was established in 1860 by Roland Mather, a trustee of the Watkinson Library at Trinity College and the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, both located in Hartford, Connecticut. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Allan Morrill McCurdy Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1993 by Elsie G. McCurdy in memory of her husband. The income of the trust is to be used for tuition, books, and other expenses for a graduate of Dartmouth College, a student from New Hampshire, or a student chosen by the Trustees of Berkeley Divinity School.

The Robert McEwen Fund was established in 1884 by Mrs. Betsy P. McEwen. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2008 by a bequest from the estate of Mr. William L. Adams, B.D. 1944, and Mrs. Grace Adams. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Samuel Merwin Fund was established in 1908 by Elizabeth M. Wickham in memory of her father, Rev. Samuel Merwin, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1802. Rev. Merwin was the pastor of North Church in New Haven, Connecticut, for nearly thirty years. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Katsuso Miho Fund for Scholarship in Peace-Making was created in 1992 by gifts from Fumiye Miho, B.D. 1953, and others, especially her friends in Japan, as a memorial to her late brother, Paul Katsuso Miho, B.D. 1943, who was a prominent crusader for peace and justice among nations and persons. The proceeds from this fund are to be awarded to a student in the entering class at YDS who has shown lasting dedication to the Christian pacifist principles practiced by former professors Bainton, Calhoun, Latourette, Luccock, Morris, and Nelson.

The Charles E. Minneman Scholarship was established in 2009 through a bequest of Charles E. Minneman, S.T.M. 1957. The scholarship is awarded annually to students based on financial need.

The Michael Penn Moore ’72 M.Div., ’74 S.T.M. Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by Mrs. Cathy Moore in memory of her husband. The fund shall have a preference for students who self-identify as United Church of Christ.

The John ('55) and Lydia ('58) Morrow Scholarship was created by Lydia Morrow in memory of her husband and in recognition of their many years of ministry together. The annual scholarship may be awarded to defray YDS tuition or the cost of taking part in the Supervised Ministries program in an urban ministry. Preference is given to Protestant students preparing for pastoral ministry.

The Frank A. and Ruth C. Mullen Scholarship was established in 1998 by friends and admirers to honor the Rev. Frank Mullen, M.Div. 1956, who was the director of development at YDS for thirteen years until his retirement in 1997. The scholarship is intended for entering students, with priority given to those who have applied for admission to YDS within three years of their graduation from college.

The Charles Nichols Fund was established in 1871 by Rev. Charles Nichols, M.A. (Hon.) 1871, minister of the Gilead Congregational Church in Hebron, Connecticut. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The William and Lucliffe Nickerson Scholarship Fund was established in 1982 to help nurture liberal theology and is one of the Divinity School’s major merit scholarships. Awards are made to full-time students selected on the basis of merit and need. The Admissions Committee selects M.Div. candidates who plan to pursue an ordained ministry. Preference is given to those in the Congregational Church or the United Church of Christ.

The Henri Nouwen Scholarship was established in 2010 to honor Professor Nouwen, who served on the faculty from 1971 to 1981. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving YDS student, with preference given to Roman Catholics.

The Gaylord B. Noyce Scholarship was established in 1996 to honor Professor Noyce, who served on the faculty from 1960 to 1994. Many students and alumni contributed to this scholarship, which is earmarked for entering students.

The Oak Family Scholarship was established in 2008 by Jeffrey Oak, M.Div. 1985, and Carol Oak, M.Div. 1985. The scholarship is awarded to provide financial assistance to students with a preference for those preparing for ordained parish ministry in the Episcopal Church.

The Marylouise Oates Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by Marylouise Oates, M.Div. 1973. Preference for this scholarship is given to M.Div. women students who are returning to school after other careers.

The Offwell Scholarships were given by Richard Copleston in thanksgiving for his family’s service to the Anglican Communion. Two scholarships were established with the same name. One scholarship was given to YDS for students preparing for service in the Episcopal Church. The other was a gift to Berkeley Divinity School for the same purpose. Members of the Copleston family served for 163 years as vicars of the Church of England parish in the village of Offwell in the County of Devon.

The Raymond E. Oliver Scholarship was established in 2009 with a gift from the Raymond E. Oliver and Frances Sutton Oliver Charitable Trust. The gift was made in recognition of Raymond E. Oliver, M.Div. 1952, and his many years of ministry, also in honor of his 51st YDS Reunion, and in memory of the deceased members of the YDS Class of 1952. Preference for this scholarship is given first to YDS students preparing for ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) who come from West Virginia or Virginia; and then to students from other Protestant denominations.

The Ronald B. Packnett Scholarship Fund was established in 2003 in loving memory by African American alumni, friends, and admirers to benefit promising African American students who feel called to ministerial service in African American churches.

The Pardee Trust was established in 2012 by a bequest from the estate of Ms. Sarah Norton Pardee to benefit students of Berkeley Divinity School.

The F. van Gorder Parker Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 to honor the twenty-year pastorate of the Rev. Parker, B.D. 1954, by the Windsor, Connecticut, First Church (United Church of Christ). Preference is given to UCC students.

The Reverend Ralph W. Parks, Jr. Scholarship was established in 2004 by his children to honor the Reverend Ralph W. Parks, Jr., M.Div. 1941, S.T.M. 1994, for his commitment to education as a lifelong process.

The Rev. Bob Paulen Scholarship was established in 2013 by Rev. Paulen, B.D. 1967. The scholarship is awarded annually with preference for deserving students studying in the Middle East or for Middle Eastern students attending Yale Divinity School.

The James W.C. Pennington Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by F. Lane Heard III, B.A. 1973, J.D. 1978, and Margaret A. Bauer, B.A. 1986, M.F.A. 1991. The fund is in memory of James W.C. Pennington, the first person of color to sit in a classroom at Yale. Preference for this scholarship is given to M.Div. students who are preparing for ordination and studying the African American experience.
The Reverend Anthony V. Perrotta Scholarship Fund was established in 1985 by the proceeds from the sale of the property of the St. John the Divine Baptist Church in New Haven. The Rev. Perrotta, B.D. 1920, was the founder and pastor of the church. Income from the fund is to be used to provide scholarships for two students, with preference given to persons preparing for the ministry in the Baptist Church.

The Pidcock Family Scholarship was established in 2012 by J. Scott Pidcock, M.A.R. 1982, to benefit students with demonstrated financial need.

The Frank A. and Alison J. Pitman Scholarship Fund was established in 2007 by Alison J. Pitman in memory of her husband, Frank Pitman, B.A. 1937, B.D. 1940. Preference for this scholarship is given to YDS students from the State of Maine.

The Plymouth Union-Prince Fund was established in 1978 by members of the Plymouth Union Corporation, Providence, Rhode Island. When the inner-city church had to sell its property, the funds were transferred to YDS to be used for the training of new clergy.

The Clark Vandersall Poling Memorial Scholarship was established in 1945 by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling, and his wife, Elizabeth Jung Poling, as a memorial to Chaplain Clark Vandersall Poling, Class of 1936, who was one of the four chaplains of the United States Army who gave their lives for others when a troop transport was sunk by enemy action in the Atlantic Ocean on the night of February 3, 1943. Chaplain Poling received posthumously the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross.

The Marvin H. Pope Scholarship, to be awarded on the basis of financial need, was established in 1988 to honor the career of Marvin H. Pope, a member of the Yale faculty from 1949 to 1986.

The H. Boone and Violet Porter Fund was established in 2011 by the Rev. Canon Nicholas T. Porter, B.A. 1986, M.Div. 1994, in memory of his parents. Preference for this scholarship is given to Berkeley Divinity School students enrolled in the joint program with the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

The Noah Porter Fund was established in 1860 by Edward Lucas Hart, B.A. 1836, deacon of the Farmington Church, and A.H. Thomson, both of Farmington, Connecticut. The fund honors Rev. Noah Thomas Porter III, President of Yale College from 1871 to 1886. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The James Irving Raymond Scholarship was established in 2005 in honor of James Irving Raymond, B.A. 1928, an architect known for designing classical houses using contemporary materials. The scholarship is awarded to YDS students in need of financial assistance.

The Edward Reighard Fund was established in 1980 by Edward Reighard, B.D. 1929, in appreciation for the excellent training he received at YDS. The fund was substantially increased in 1991 from the estate of Mr. Reighard.

The Jason Richardson Memorial Scholarship was established in 2005 by friends to honor the life of Jason Richardson, M.Div. 2003. Jason Richardson, a gifted preacher and church musician, served as a co-pastor of the Black Church at Yale and as a Marquand Chapel minister. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for African American students.

The Alexander M. Rodger Scholarship Fund, established in 1975 by the Rev. Alexander M. Rodger, B.D. 1939, is an endowed fund to award scholarship aid to a student or students preparing for the Christian parish ministry.

The David Root Scholarship was established in 1864 by a gift from the Rev. David Root of New Haven, Connecticut, to assist students in acquiring an education for the gospel ministry.

The Marcelle Todd Runyan Memorial Scholarship was set up by the Rev. Theodore Runyan, B.D. 1942, in honor of his late wife. Both Mr. and Mrs. Runyan had parents who were Methodist ministers. The scholarship recipient is to be a student who shows promise of future effective Christian service, with preference given to a United Methodist.

The Harvey R. Russell Scholarship was established in 2007 by a bequest from the estate of Harvey R. Russell in memory of Katherine Hauschild and Harvey R. Russell, B.A. 1934, M.S. 1936. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Edward E. Salisbury Fund was established in 1863 by a gift from alumnus Edward Elbridge Salisbury, B.A. 1832, who was the first professor of Arabic and Sanskrit languages and literature at Yale and in the Americas. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Christopher J. Sargent Scholarship was established in 1947 by George Paull Torrence Sargent, B.A. 1905, B.D. 1908 (Berkeley Divinity School). The fund is in memory of his son Christopher J. Sargent, who died at age thirty-five on Christmas Eve, 1946. The fund provides scholarships to BDS students without restriction.

The School of Divinity Unrestricted Scholarship Endowment was established in 1936 to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The School of Divinity Unrestricted Scholarship UFFE was established in 1976 to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Seabury-Walmsley Scholarship Fund, established in honor of Samuel Seabury and Arthur Walmsley (both former bishops of the Diocese of Connecticut), provides support at Berkeley Divinity School to an ordained Anglican student from Africa, other than a bishop, who is a diocesan leader.
The Sengel Scholarships were established in 1985 by the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in Alexandria, Virginia, in honor of William Sengel’s twenty-five-year pastorate. The scholarship is awarded to students from developing countries who plan to return to their native lands to continue their ministries.

The Robert E. Seymour Scholarship was created in 1982 by his son, Robert E. Seymour, Jr., B.D. 1948, to assist a needy student. Preference is given to a Baptist student from the southern United States.

The Walter W. Seymour Fund was established by a gift of Walter Welles Seymour, B.A. 1832. Proceeds from the fund go to students based on financial need.

The Rabbi Morris Shapiro Scholarship was established in 2017 by a bequest from the estate of Morris Shapiro ’44 B.A. The fund shall have a preference for students in Jewish Studies or Hebrew Bible.

The Ping Teh Sie Scholarship Fund was established in 1988 by a bequest from Mr. Ping Teh Sie, S.T.M. 1952. Preference is given to Chinese American students, as well as students from mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

The Normand Smith Fund was established in 1861 by Thomas Smith of Hartford, Connecticut, in memory of his son Normand Smith, B.A. 1858. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Professor Yolanda Y. Smith Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by friends of Professor Yolanda Smith (1957–2016). Dr. Smith was a scholar and teacher in the field of Christian education and an ordained Baptist minister. Her work focused on African American religious traditions, including African American spirituals in the heritage of the Black churches, issues in women's spirituality, pastoral responses to those affected by HIV/AIDS, and public theology for social justice. Preference for this scholarship is given to students with a demonstrated interest in and commitment to African American religious traditions.

The Mary Elizabeth Walton Snow Scholarship Fund was established in 2000 by a bequest from Frank Snow in memory of his mother to be awarded to a YDS student at the discretion of and according to the policies of the School.

The Elizabeth B. Sorem Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by Alan Sorem, M.Div. 1966, in honor of his daughter. Preference for this scholarship is given to M.Div. students preparing for ordination.

The St. James’ Church Scholarship was established at the Berkeley Divinity School in 2001 with the intention that two $5,000 scholarships be awarded each year for students preparing for ministry in the Episcopal Church.

The A. Knighton Stanley Scholarship was established by Dr. Stanley, B.D. 1962, friends, and family on the occasion of his retirement from Peoples Congregational Church in Washington, D.C. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for African American women pursuing an M.Div. and preparing to serve in minority communities, economically deprived areas, or the developing world.

The Richard C. Stazesky, Sr. Scholarship was created in 1991 by Richard Stazesky, Jr., who was for many years the 1952 class agent and afterward served as chair of the School’s Alumni Fund for several years. His pledge challenged many other major donors to follow suit. Methodist students receive preference for this scholarship.

The Brenda J. Stiers Scholarship, with a preference for United Church of Christ students at YDS, was established by Brenda J. Stiers, M.Div. 1983. Ms. Stiers was a UCC pastor, served as an adjunct member of the YDS faculty, and was a member of the YDS Board of Advisors.

The Strygemonde Foundation Scholarship, established in 2008, supports YDS students in need of financial aid. It was funded with a gift from the family foundation of Paul E. Francis, who received his undergraduate degree from Yale in 1977.

The Harriet Amanda Howard Sullivan and William Wallace Sullivan Scholarship Fund was created in 1985 by a gift from the Second Baptist Church, Bridgeport, Connecticut, to honor forty years of service to the congregation by the Rev. Mr. Sullivan, B.D. 1938, and his wife. Preference is shown to a financially needy Baptist student specializing in sacred music and theology.

The Nancy S. Taylor Endowed Divinity Scholarship was established in 2016 by the Rev. Dr. Nancy S. Taylor, the senior minister and chief executive officer of Old South Church in Boston, Massachusetts. Preference is given to M.Div. students preparing for ordination who are Protestant and of the Reformed tradition.

The Charles Snow Thayer Scholarship Fund was established in 1945 by a bequest from the estate of Charles Snow Thayer, B.D. 1895. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Michael Norman Thompson Memorial Scholarship, created in 2009 with a gift from M. Myers Mermel, is awarded annually to a student or students in the M.A.R. program focusing on the study of the Old Testament and subjects closely related to it. The scholarship is awarded based on financial need and demonstrated classroom writing skills.

The Samuel Arthur Todd Scholarship was established in 2005 to honor the well-liked student who disappeared from a New York City street in 1984, the year he was due to graduate from YDS. The annual scholarship is awarded to YDS students, especially those from Asia or Africa, who exemplify Todd's spirit by showing a deep interest in ministries committed to social justice, empowerment, and peace.
The Winston and Lois E. Trever Scholarship Fund was established in 1985 by the Rev. Mr. Trever, B.D. 1937, a class agent of long standing, specifically to aid a needy student preparing for ordination. Since 1985 the fund has grown considerably because of additional gifts from the Trever family.

The Ezekiel H. Trowbridge Scholarship was established in 1894 by a bequest of Ezekiel H. Trowbridge of New Haven, Connecticut.

The Thomas R. Trowbridge Fund was established in 1863 to provide scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Dale E. Turner Scholarship was established in 1993 to honor the long and distinguished ministry of Dale E. Turner, B.D. 1943. The scholarship is intended to encourage students from the Northwest and, in particular, from the greater Seattle area to attend YDS.

The Henry Hallam Tweedy Scholarship was established in 1901 by a gift from Mrs. Mary J. Tweedy and her daughters in honor of Mrs. Tweedy’s father-in-law, Henry H. Tweedy, professor of practical theology at YDS from 1909 to 1937. The scholarship is awarded with a preference for Master of Divinity students with exceptional academic records and unusual promise for outstanding pastoral leadership.

The Félix Varela Scholarship and Internship was established in 2015 by an anonymous donor to attract Latino/a students to YDS and support them once enrolled. It is named in honor of Félix Varela, a Cuban-born priest who was active in the Cuban independence movement in the nineteenth century. Preference for the award is for Roman Catholic students from Latin America or who are North Americans of Latin descent. The scholarship also includes a paid internship at the Saint Thomas More Center at Yale.

The Janice Vogt Scholarship was established in 2013 by Rev. Janice Ann Vogt, M.Div. 1990, to provide scholarships for students with demonstrated need.

The James L. Waits International Scholarship was established in 2000 by James L. and Fentress B. Waits to support the most promising students from developing regions of the world in master’s programs.

The Edward Ashley Walker Scholarship Prize, founded in 1951 by bequest from Frances E. Walker in memory of her brother, the Reverend Edward Ashley Walker, B.A. 1856, is awarded at the end of each year to that member of the first-year class who in the opinion of the instructors shall have made the most satisfactory progress in studies during the year.

The Robert A. Watson Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by his wife, Charlotte Watson, and friends in 1980 for financial aid for midlife students. It is granted by the dean of Berkeley Divinity School.

The Laurence G. Wee Endowed Divinity Scholarship Fund was established in 2016 by Lawrence G. Wee, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1991. Preference for this scholarship is given to evangelical M.Div. students preparing for ordination and/or students working with the Rivendell Institute at Yale.

The Claude R. Welch Scholarship honors the former dean of Graduate Theological Union, a 1945 graduate of YDS. The Rev. Welch, an ordained Methodist minister and prolific author, also taught at YDS, Princeton University, and the University of Pennsylvania.

The Cassius Welles Scholarship Fund was established in 1882. Preference is given to YDS students preparing for the Christian ministry.

The John S. Welles Scholarship was established in 1903 by a bequest of John S. Welles of Hartford, Connecticut. Its purpose is to support deserving students who show both financial need and clear intention of entering Christian ministry.

The Frank and Barbara Wendt Scholarship was established in April 1995 by friends and associates to honor Mr. Wendt for his many years as a charter member, chair, and chair emeritus of the YDS Board of Advisors. The scholarship will give preference to students who enter YDS within three years after graduation from college.

The Joseph Dresser Wickham Fund was established in 1908 by Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wickham in memory of her husband, Rev. Joseph Dresser Wickham, a graduate of the Yale College Class of 1815. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The Charles V. and Isobel Wiggen Memorial Fund was established in trust in 2000, the net income to be used for students enrolled in Berkeley Divinity School who are working toward a degree and who otherwise would not likely be able to attend.

The S. Wells Williams Fund was established in 1885 by a bequest from the estate of the eminent missionary and Chinese scholar Professor Samuel Wells Williams, M.A. (Hon.) 1877. He was appointed the first professor of Chinese language and literature at Yale College in 1877. The fund provides scholarships to YDS students without restriction.

The William H. Willimon ’71 M.Div. and Patricia Parker Willimon Scholarship Fund was established in 2015 by United Methodist Bishop William H. Willimon, M.Div. 1971, and Patricia Parker Willimon. Considered one of the top preachers in the world and the author of more than sixty books, William Willimon was the longtime chaplain of Duke University and professor at Duke Divinity School. The fund’s purpose is to encourage United Methodist students from Willimon’s undergraduate alma mater, Wofford College, to consider attending Yale Divinity School to foster interdenominational and regional discussion. Willimon served as a trustee of Wofford College and as a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council of YDS.

The William C. Wilson Scholarship was established in 1964 in memory of William C. Wilson, a member of the Divinity Class of 1957, by members of his family. The scholarship is awarded annually to a student or students preparing for the Christian ministry.
The Barry and Jean Wood Divinity Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 by a gift from Mrs. Jean McCaughey Wood, M.A.R. 1964, in “gratitude for her extraordinary education” at YDS. Preference for this scholarship is given to women students.

The Raymond Lee Wood and Margaret Shiplett Wood Scholarship was established at YDS by friends and admirers of Ray and Margaret. Ray, for almost a third of a century, was the director of administration at YDS. Preference for this scholarship is given to Methodist or Baptist students from North Carolina.

The William G. Wurtenberg Scholarship was established in 1958 by a bequest of Dr. Wurtenberg, Ph.D. 1889, M.D. 1893. It is to be awarded to a member of the senior class who demonstrates character, leadership qualities, and promise of future usefulness.

The Rev. Ben F. Wyland Scholarship Fund was established in 1982 to celebrate the ministry of Ben F. Wyland, B.D. 1908, a champion of the rights of the poor, the elderly, and the disenfranchised. Its purpose is to train young ministers to carry forward the principles of righteousness and service evidenced in his life.

SPECIAL FUNDS

The Class of 1959 Global Opportunities Fund was established in 2009 by members of the YDS Class of 1959. The scholarship is awarded to assist students who wish to study abroad or for international students to study at YDS.

The Hall Kieschnick Family Internship Fund was created in 2011 by Rev. Frances Hall Kieschnick, a member of the Yale College Class of 1975 and a former member of the YDS Dean’s Advisory Council. The fund supports students in internship experiences in not-for-profit organizations or in parishes with a deep commitment to social justice ministries.

The Eleanor Lee McGee and Gaylord Brewster Noyce Endowment in Pastoral Studies Fund was established in 1994. The fund supports field-based learning under trained pastoral supervisors for divinity students who are directly engaged in the churches’ ministries.

The Letty M. Russell Travel Seminar Fund, established in 2007, honors the late YDS professor, feminist theologian, and ecumenist. The fund provides support for YDS students taking part in the international travel seminar program launched by Rev. Russell at the School in 1981.

The Rev. Dr. Samuel N. Slie Internship Fund, established in 1995, supports a YDS student who is seeking ordination in the United Church of Christ and is interning at New Haven’s Battell Chapel. The gift honors the distinguished career of Sam Slie, M.Div. 1952, S.T.M. 1963, in ministry, higher education, and community service.

The Nelle Martin Tuggle Memorial Fund was established in 2009 by Clyde C. Tuggle, M.Div. 1988, in honor of his mother, Nelle Martin Tuggle. The fund is intended to assist Muslim women scholars or graduate students enrolled at a university in one of the Arab states to study or conduct research at YDS, or for a visiting faculty member.

The Yale Divinity School Travel Fellowship Fund, created in 2009, supports YDS students wishing to travel as they pursue study, work, travel, or research opportunities. Preference is given to students traveling to the Middle East, Palestine, or Israel.