



Implemented for workers in Hispanic Ministry by the
Lutheran Hispanic Ministry Institute (LHMI)
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2026 Application for Scholarship

Generous supporters who believe in the mission of LHMI to prepare workers to multiply healthy Hispanic ministries have made possible a scholarship fund specifically to promote attendance at the PALMCON conference. Recognizing that local Hispanic ministry budgets may or may not adequately support out-of-state professional development opportunities, scholarships are intended to reduce financial barriers to participation.

Applicants are encouraged to combine scholarship funds with local congregational support or other funding sources.

Eligible applicants include:

1. Congregation, citywide, and circuit-level clergy and lay workers involved in specific Hispanic ministry and outreach efforts. This may include people who are part of a task force making a concerted effort to implement new Hispanic ministries soon.
2. Students training for service in Hispanic ministry.

Deadline and process timeline:

Applications will be received until August 21, 2026. Applications will be approved on an ongoing basis by that date or until funds are depleted, which could be sooner. If funds remain after August 21, applications may still be submitted.

1. Applicants are encouraged to submit the application as soon as possible.
2. Applicants will be notified of their application's status within approximately 7 business days of its receipt, and if approved, the amount of funds awarded. The applicant should then submit his/her conference registration form as soon as possible, if not already submitted.

Payments by Reimbursement ONLY, at or following the conference:

Payments will not be paid prior to the conference. Except for the registration fee, receipts must be shown for proof of expenditures. Recipients will receive reimbursement instructions with the notice of their approval.

Amount of awards and use of funds:

Funds may not be sufficient to cover total out-of-pocket cost of attendance. Awards will vary depending upon request and funds available. A total award cannot exceed \$400 for an individual, and \$550 for a married couple staying in the same hotel room.

Funds can be used for:

1. Conference registration fee (Waived for scholarship recipient and paid directly to LHMI from the fund.)
2. Airfare, and shuttle transportation to/from the airport and the hotel or St. Timothy Lutheran Church.
3. If driving more than 300 miles from Houston, funds may be used for up to a roundtrip gasoline purchase.
4. Lodging at conference hotel - Holiday Inn and Suites for only the duration of the conference. *Note: Meals or incidentals are not covered. Local participants should not request funds to lodge in Houston.*

In the event of cancelled participation: Scholarship recipients should notify LHMI as soon as possible if they will no longer attend the conference. Funds originally intended for them will be used for other scholarship applicants.

*** * * See next page for Application Form to Complete and Submit * * ***

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Applicant Information

Title and Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

- If your spouse will be participating in the conference, please check here and write his or her name below. For purposes of scholarship consideration, we will assume that you will be sharing a room at the hotel and that you will be paying the conference fee for a married couple. **Your spouse does not need to submit a separate scholarship application.**

Spouse Name and Title: _____

Spouse Email: _____

Your Status as a Worker in Hispanic Ministry

Please check the appropriate box(es) to describe your area of ministry:

Clergy Educator Deaconess Lay Worker Other: _____

Student At which institution? _____

Graduate From which institution? _____

Please check just **one** of the boxes below:

- Employed Full Time in Hispanic Ministry
- Employed Part Time in Hispanic Ministry
- Unpaid Volunteer in Hispanic Ministry
- Interested but not yet involved
- Other (describe below)

Please describe your involvement or interest in Hispanic (Latino) ministry:

Your Hispanic (Latino) Congregation or Ministry

Name of the Church or Organization where you serve: _____

Church or Organization Address: _____

Please check the appropriate box(es) to describe the Hispanic congregation or ministry where you are involved:

- Independent Hispanic (Latino) Congregation
- Hispanic (Latino) Congregation sharing facilities with a non-Hispanic congregation
- Multi-cultural Congregation
- Non-Hispanic Congregation with Outreach among Hispanics Children's/Youth Programs
- Weekly Worship Service in Spanish or with Latino flavor Bible Studies among Hispanics
- Human Care/ Social Ministry – What kind? _____
- Other: _____

Which of the following best describes the present state of the ministry where you are involved?

- Still in the Planning Phase Just Starting
- Established but Just Holding Its Own Well Established and Self-sustaining
- Established for a Long Time, Institutionalized Declining
- Other: _____

Scholarship Amount Requested

The total amount may not exceed \$400 for an individual, or \$550 for a married couple. The amount actually awarded will depend on factors such as financial need, number of people applying, and the funds available.

Conference Registration Fee: (check one)

- Individual Student - \$75 Married Student Couple - \$150
- Individual Non-student -\$100 Married Couple (not students) - \$175

Transportation Expenses: \$ _____ Actual Estimated

Traveling by: Air Automobile from (city): _____

Lodging (excluding taxes) at *Holiday Inn and Suites*: (check one)

To secure discounted rates, reserve room before Aug. 24 for Sunday, Sept. 13 through checkout on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

- 1 night - (\$119, 1 King; \$129, 2 Queens)
- 2 nights - (\$238, 1 King; \$258, 2 Queens)
- 3 nights - (\$357, 1 King; \$387, 2 Queens)

Total Amount Requested (Conference Fee + Transportation + Lodging) = \$ _____

The amount awarded to any applicant is at the sole discretion of the PALMCON Scholarship Committee.

Has your congregation or ministry contributed financially to support your attendance at PALMCON 5? Explain amount provided and any other additional information.

Do you have other people from your congregation or ministry attending PALMCON 5 with you? If so, do you have any specific plans for how you will follow up as a group after the conference to make use of what you learn? Please describe.

Signature

I verify that the information in this Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that the Scholarship Committee will make the final decision.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Spouse's Signature (if applicable): _____ Date: _____

Questions? Contact LHMI Administration Director, Claudia Calvillo: Claudia@missionaryinstitute.org

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*Thank you for your interest in attending the conference.
And thank you especially for everything you do to advance the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.*

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