

The Wittlinger Scholarship Program

A Scholarship Opportunity for Outstanding Messiah College Students for 2018-2019

The Wittlinger Scholarship Program is designed to provide opportunities for Messiah College students to do research in an area relating to one of the three theological traditions (Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan) that underpin the Brethren in Christ Church to which Messiah College is related. Only one scholarship will be awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Successful Wittlinger Scholars will register for an independent study with a full-time Messiah College faculty member. The study will be conducted during the fall of their senior year and will result in a major research paper, minimally 25 pages, and a public presentation regarding their research. Upon completion of the independent study and presentation of the findings, each scholar will receive a scholarship of \$2,000. This research program carries with it up to \$1,000 for research expenses.

Selection Criteria

- ❖ Current member of the junior class and senior status the following term.
- ❖ Completed at least 75 credit hours by the end of the fall term prior to applying, with a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher and at least 30 credits earned at Messiah College.
- ❖ Exemplary accomplishments in scholarship, especially research, critical thinking, and writing skills as certified by letters of reference.
- ❖ All requirements for graduation completed in time for commencement during the academic year in which the student receives the scholarship.

Application Process

- ❖ All eligible students are encouraged to apply. An application consists of the following items:
 - ◆ A completed application form, which can be downloaded from the Sider Institute website (messiah.edu/siderinstitute) or from Alisa Sentz, Assistant to the Sider Institute (asentz@messiah.edu).
 - ◆ A résumé, not to exceed two pages, including:
 - Name, major, class standing, current address and telephone number.
 - Academic projects and achievements of special merit.
 - Previous academic scholarships received.

- General research interest and specific area of intended research for this particular project.
 - ◆ Two recommendation forms completed by two members of the full-time faculty at Messiah College, one of which has agreed to serve as your independent study instructor if you are named as a Wittlinger Scholar. Place your name and ID number on the recommendation forms. Please ask the faculty members to complete the recommendation forms and return them directly to the Sider Institute, Suite 4033.
 - ◆ A brief, two-page maximum summary of the applicant's specific area of research.
- ❖ Applications must be submitted to the Sider Institute, Suite 4033, no later than **March 23, 2018**.

Selection Process

- ❖ Applications are reviewed by the Wittlinger Scholar Selection Committee.
- ❖ Only one scholarship will be awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year. Should no students apply, those funds will not be expended.

Announcement and Recognition

- ❖ Applicants will be notified of their selection on or about March 28.
- ❖ Wittlinger Scholars will be recognized in the Fall Honors Convocation and at Commencement.

*Questions may be addressed to **Devin Manzullo-Thomas**, Director of the Sider Institute for Anabaptist, Pietist, and Wesleyan Studies, at dcthomas@messiah.edu*

Application Form

Wittlinger Scholar Application

Messiah College

[To be completed by the applicant]

For which focus [select only one] are you applying:

Anabaptist Pietist Wesleyan Brethren in Christ Studies

Your Name _____ ID No. _____

Current Address _____ Current Campus Ext. _____

Permanent Address _____

Major(s)/Minor(s) _____

Have you completed at least 75 credit hours by December 31, 2017? Yes No

Do you have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher? Yes No

Will you have completed all requirements for graduation in time for May 2019 Commencement? Yes No

In addition to this form, please be sure the following items are submitted to complete your application:

- A brief (two page) proposal for your independent research. This proposal should include:
 1. a clear statement of the research to be undertaken;
 2. specific goals for the project;
 3. a list of facilities, equipment, supplies, and resources needed;
 4. the name of the sponsoring faculty member and the chair of the department in which the credit will be given.
- A résumé, not to exceed two pages, summarizing your academic progress and achievements of special merit. (For full details see “Wittlinger Scholars—Information Page,” subpoint “Application Process.”)
- Two recommendation forms completed by two full-time faculty members. Place your name and ID number on the forms, and be sure to check the appropriate box for either Anabaptist, Pietist, Wesleyan, or Brethren in Christ Studies. Ask the two faculty members to complete the forms, and ask each to forward the completed recommendation directly to the Director of the Sider Institute.

**Submit this application form no later than March 23, 2018 to
Devin Manzullo-Thomas, Director of the Sider Institute, Suite 4033**

Potential Independent Study Supervisor Recommendation Form

Wittlinger Scholar

Student's Name _____ ID No. _____

For which focus [select only one] are you applying:

- Anabaptist Pietist Wesleyan Brethren in Christ Studies

Do you, the applicant, waive your right of access, as afforded under state and federal law, to the information provided in this form?

Yes No Signature: _____ Date: _____

[The remainder of this form to be completed by a full-time faculty member.]

WITTLINGER SCHOLARS are recognized by Messiah College for their significant scholarship. Each successful Wittlinger Scholar will undertake an independent and supervised research project resulting in a formal paper and presentation.

Please comment on the applicant's potential to complete such a project. Your response should address the applicant's academic ability, research and writing skills, and motivation. Full details regarding this program are available from the Director of the Sider Institute. [Only type-written recommendations will be accepted. You may submit your recommendation on a separate sheet.]

In summary, how would you rate the applicant for reception of a Wittlinger Scholarship?

- Highly recommend Recommend with Reservation
- Recommend Do not recommend

Date: _____

Signature – Potential Independent Study Supervisor

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