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Seminary of the Southwest's plan focuses on better preparing seminarians during what we see as three critical time- periods in their formation for leadership.: the 2-3 year period of discernment prior to attending seminary; the 3 years of seminary studies when debt may be accumulated; and finally, the post-graduate period when seminarians seek work within the church and the community.

We offer a plan that (1) will institute and build an outstanding financial-aid and education office at the same time that; (2) the institution continues to work diligently to increase scholarship offerings; (3) and offer web-based programming to provide accessible financial tools for those in discernment and considering seminary; (4) while we provide enhanced financial educational opportunities for our current and incoming students throughout the 3-years of seminary. We believe that this comprehensive plan will serve the institution and our alums beyond the years of this grant.

In the few months since receiving notification of the grant, the Seminary of the Southwest has begun to lay the foundation for execution of a comprehensive financial aid plan. Our primary focus, thus far, has been to align the financial aid office with the enrollment management office. The vp for enrollment management has assumed all responsibilities of the financial aid office, which includes the launch of Title IV funding, hiring a financial aid consulting firm, and the implementation of the PowerFAIDS financial aid software.

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