

T. James Fernley, III Scholarship

T. James Fernley was a seminarian who passed away 44 years ago leaving behind a legacy to help seminary students.

T. James Fernley, III (1947-1974) was a seminarian at what is now known as Episcopal Divinity School ("EDS"). Following the untimely death of Jim Fernley on June 7, 1974, his family and friends established a memorial fund for seminary students. Generous contributions allowed the fund to expand its scope of scholarships for this fund that was previously administered by a Board of Trustees which included among them the Rector of St. Thomas' Church, Whitemarsh.

The Board of Trustees transferred the management of the funds of the T. James Fernley, III Memorial Fund ("Fernley Fund") to The Church Foundation in 2005 and arranged for the scholarships to be administered by the Aid to Theological Students Funds Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of Pennsylvania.

Each year, the T. James Fernley III Memorial Fund awards at least two scholarships per year in varying amounts. Full time seminary students going into their senior year of study with the intention of being ordained can apply for funds.

For information please contact Canon Arlette Benoit-Joseph at abenoitjoseph@diopa.org. Applicants must be from the Diocese of Pennsylvania. The deadline for the scholarship is April.

The Church Foundation continues to manage this fund to meet the goal of providing similar scholarships into the future. Since 2005, scholarships have been distributed and the fund balance has grown from \$227,868.96 to \$ \$503,424.80 as of June 30, 2019.