The Emerging Leaders Initiative (ELI) (http://wwwwofford.edu/campusministry/content.aspx?id=14332) provides students with an opportunity to engage in vocational discernment and explore church leadership and theological education while at Wofford. ELI participants may be awarded scholarships connected with their participation in the program. They have a personal mentoring relationship with the chaplain of the college. The program includes six focus areas:

- self-awareness
- service and social action
- vocational discernment
- spiritual direction
- theological education
- ministry inquiry

Students in ELI may participate as ELI Scholars or ELI Fellows. Scholars may receive scholarships and participate in self-awareness, service, social action and vocational discernment. Fellows receive scholarships and participate in the six focus areas. Admission to the program is on a rolling basis, and begins with a personal interview with the chaplain.