

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS NETWORK

Scholarship Application Information

Application due date: October 1

ELIGIBILITY

Scholarship grants are available to students for full and part-time study toward the first baccalaureate degree or certification at colleges, universities, and vocational schools. Grants are also available for full-time students enrolled in their first master degree programs for church vocations at Presbyterian theological institutions and those approved by the student's presbytery. All Presbyterian applicants, including seminarians, from within the bounds of the synod are eligible to apply. *Applicants are eligible to apply up to a maximum of 5 years.*

Applicants must have and maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to be eligible. All financial grants will be made payable to the session for distribution. Session will return grant to the synod office if student's status changes.

TYPES OF GRANTS

FULL-TIME STUDENTS

The maximum grant for full-time students is \$800. A maximum of \$600 may be granted to first time applicants. A maximum of \$800 may be granted to students who have previously received scholarships provided (1) the applicants have at least a 3.0 grade point average within the last school year (2) their completed applications are received before the deadline dates, and (3) the application contains evidence of Presbyterian Church participation and continued spiritual development.

PART-TIME STUDENTS

The maximum grant for part-time students is \$400. A maximum of \$300 may be granted to first time applicants. A maximum of \$400 may be granted to students who have previously received scholarships provided (1) the applicants have at least a 3.0 grade point average within the last school year (2) their completed applications are received before the deadline dates, and (3) the application contains evidence of Presbyterian Church participation and continued spiritual development.

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS

Students enrolled in their first master's degree program at Presbyterian theological institutions and those approved by the student's presbytery may be awarded a maximum of \$1,500 on initial applications. They may receive up to \$2,000 on subsequent applications provided (1) their completed applications are received before the deadline dates, (2) the applicants have at least a 3.0 grade average within the last school year and (3) the application contains evidence of Presbyterian church participation and continued spiritual development.

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INSTRUCTIONS

The application due date is **October 1** of each year. Applications and all requested materials and endorsement letter from pastor or moderator/clerk of session, must be submitted together to receive consideration by the scholarship committee. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered nor will

they be carried forward automatically. Applicants will need to reapply for the next cycle to be eligible for funding.

All initial (first-time) applications must be accompanied by:

1. Letter from institution for verification of enrollment
2. Statement of career objectives
3. Endorsement letter from the student's pastor or clerk of session
4. Copy of grade report if not first quarter or semester
5. All applicants must apply to the educational institution for financial aid and send the statement of the results or a copy of the financial aid application

All subsequent applications (repeat) must include:

1. Student's progress reports on his/her objectives
2. Experience at school and evidence of continuing Presbyterian church participation and spiritual development
3. Copy of your grade report
4. Endorsement letter from pastor or clerk of session
5. All applicants must apply to the educational institution for financial aid and send the statement of the results or a copy of the financial aid application

Please, contact the Synod of the Covenant office or consult with you pastor or the clerk of session should you need to clarify the process and requirement.

Mail, fax, or email the completed application and all requested documentation to:

Grants and Scholarship Network
The Synod of the Covenant
6450 Weatherfield Ct. Unit 1- A
Maumee, Ohio 43537
Fax: 419-754-4051
soc@synodofthecovenant.org

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarships are available for Racial-Ethnic and Non-Racial Ethnic Students ALIKE.
Please mark one of following (*OPTIONAL*):

- Racial/Ethnic Applicant
 Non-Racial/Ethnic Applicant

Personal Information

Student Name:

Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

Telephone:

Email Address:

Church Membership (Church Name):

Name of Pastor or Clerk of Session:

Church Address:

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____

Educational Information

Name of School:

Degree Sought:

Previous Year's GPA: _____ **Cumulative GPA:** _____

Currently Full-Time or Part-Time Student:

Number of Credits taking this Term:

Previous Higher Education (list completed degrees):

Financial Information: List Financial resources available for your educational expenses

Expenses -- Total educational expense for this academic year

Income -- All Scholarships, Grants and Loans

Income -- Employment

Income -- Veterans Benefits

Income – Family

Income – Other

Scholarship Grant Amount Requested

Have you applied for Financial Aid from your school?

Have you received a grant from the Synod of the Covenant in the past?

Please list the date and amount of previous grants from the Synod of the Covenant:

Year:	Amount:
Year:	Amount:
Year:	Amount:
Year:	Amount:

This form must be signed by the person whose file is to be disclosed.

I, _____, affirm that the above information is accurate and authorize the disclosure of my file to the Synod of the Covenant for the purpose of determining my eligibility for scholarship assistance.

Signature:

Date:

Note:

*Complete grant application must be postmarked by **October 1** and must include the following materials:*

- Letter from institution for verification of enrollment for first-time applicants only.*
- Statement of career objectives for first-time applicants or progress report for subsequent applications.*
- Copy of grade report if not first quarter or semester.*
- All applicants must apply to the educational institution for financial aid and send the statement of the results or a copy of the financial aid application.*
- Experience at school and evidence of continuing Presbyterian Church participation and spiritual development for second and subsequent applications.*



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Endorsement letter from pastor or clerk of session

Dear Pastor or Clerk of Session:

A student from your congregation is applying for a racial ethic scholarship offered by the Synod of the Covenant. Ordinarily, the scholarships range from \$300 to \$800 and are awarded on a competitive basis. A letter from the pastor or clerk of session where the student is a member or participant of the church, in good standing is required to complete the scholarship application.

The student applying for this scholarship is: _____

Please write a letter on church stationary about the above student addressing the following topics:

1. What is the student's involvement in the life of the congregation?
2. What are the applicant's academic achievements and career goals?
3. How long have you known the applicant?
4. Is the applicant a member of your church?
5. Is the applicant eligible for this Scholarship?
6. Do you have additional relevant comments you wish document?

Pastor or clerk of session must fill out and Mail, Email, or fax the above form to the Synod office no later than October 1st. This is the only form of endorsement accepted.

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