

Presbyterian Study Grant

And Supplemental Grants for Seminary Students

Deadlines:

May 15: Getting Started, Essay, Resume, Faculty Endorsement

June 15: Endorsement & Validation by Congregation, Presbytery, and Financial Information Form

Eligibility Requirements

- Active member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 - MACE students are not required to be Inquirer/Candidate
 - MDiv (also MDiv/Dual Degree) students entering years 1 and 2 must be an Inquirer or Candidate
 - MDiv (also MDiv/Dual Degree) students entering year 3 must be a Candidate
- Normally enrolled full time at a PC (U.S.A.) related seminary
- Limited to MDiv and/or MACE
- Demonstrate Financial Need

Introduction

Presbyterian Study Grant is the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s financial aid program for students planning for careers in the church. The program serves approximately 120 students per year. Because the number of students awarded is significantly less than the number of students enrolled in seminary, there are additional restrictions. Only MDiv and MACE students are eligible for award and those students must be enrolled full-time and demonstrate need. MDiv students entering seminary must be under care of Presbytery, and advanced to Candidacy by November 1 of the student's third year of studies to continue to be eligible. MACE students must be a member of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation.

Presbyterian Study Grant applications that are found to be complete for students eligible to receive an award are considered by reading committee. No more than 120 students are awarded each year. After a student is selected for a Presbyterian Study Grant award, the student is evaluated for supplemental grants based on need. Supplemental grants are awarded to promote diversity, and/or to observe donor restrictions.

Essay Topic

New students will write about what they believe God is calling them to do in ministry. Previously awarded students will reflect on the essay(s) that they have provided, their experiences under care, and in seminary, and will write about how their understanding of their call has evolved. Keep in mind that previous essays are read for background and the new essay is read for selection.



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Getting Started

Name (First Middle Last)

SSN

Address

Date of Birth

City

State

Zip Code

Phone (Day)

Phone (Cell)

Email

Native American students must provide tribal ID card or letter from tribe establishing membership to be considered for the Native American Supplemental Grant

Gender

Race/Ethnicity

Information the Office of Financial Aid Needs to Get Started

1. Seminary

2. Church

3. Presbytery

Seminary You Plan to Attend

Home Church

Presbytery of Care

Inquirer Candidate NA

Anticipated Graduation Date

Address

Status

Degree You Are Seeking

City, State Zip

Effective Date

What occupation are you preparing for: (Check all that apply)

Pastor Christian Educator Chaplain Missionary
 Educator (College/Seminary) Other or Bi-Vocational (Please describe in the space below.)

Confidentiality of Evaluations

Information collected to support your application is maintained by the Office of Financial Aid for Studies. The endorsement elements and work product of the staff and reading committee are confidential and will not be released to the student. Only staff members with responsibility for the PSG program and the PSG reading committee members view applications.

Release of Information

I understand that the Office of Financial Aid for Service will seek information regarding enrollment, satisfactory academic progress, and financial aid in order to determine my eligibility for award, and by my signature, I give the above named seminary permission to provide information to the Office of Financial Aid for Studies.

Signature

Date

Mailing Address

Financial Aid for Service
100 Witherspoon St.
Louisville, Kentucky 40202-1396
Email: finaid@pcusa.org

Deadline: May 15 (Postmark)



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Endorsement by Faculty

Form filler version of this document is available <http://www.pcusa.org/psg/faculty>. Safari users: Open PDF in Acrobat, not Safari.

Section I. (To Be Completed by the Applicant)

Name of Applicant _____

Confidentiality Policy

It is the policy of the Financial Aid for Service to hold evaluations by an academic advisor in grant and scholarship applications to be confidential documents, viewed only by staff and the reading committee.

Section II. (To Be Completed by an academic advisor.)

The applicant named above is making application for a grant from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This evaluation is a required element of the application and must be completed and mailed no later than **May 15** in order for the student to be considered for an award. Evaluator must be an advisor, instructor, or Director of Admissions (rising juniors only).

How long have you known the student? _____

What is the context of your relationship with the applicant?

Student Advisee New Student Other

Describe the student's academic performance and intellectual capacity.

What impressions have you formed about the applicant's character and sense of call?

How does the applicants academic performance, intellectual capacity, character and sense of call compare to peers?

Alternative Endorsers: First year students may seek endorsement from the Director of Admission of the Seminary they plan to attend if no advisor or instructor is readily available. Students currently enrolled in seminary must provide an endorsement by an advisor or Professor.



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Rate the Student's Preparedness for Ministry

Not At All	Somewhat	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Outstanding	Not Observed	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Depth of interpersonal skills
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Communication skills
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Biblical competency
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Articulates a clear sense of call
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Clear understanding of Reformed tradition
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shows commitment to the mission and ministry of the denomination
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Knowledge of current religious education theory & practice

The Presbyterian Study Grant Reading Committee will be directed to evaluate the student based on their readiness for ministry through practice of spiritual disciplines, discernment of a call to ministry, and the gifts the student brings to congregational leadership. Based on your knowledge of the student, please tell the Presbyterian Study Grant reading committee why you recommend this student for award. (You may attach a letter if you prefer)

Signature

Date

Name (Printed)

Title

Seminary

Address

Phone

City

State

Zip

Email

Mailing Address/Contact Information

Financial Aid for Service
100 Witherspoon St.
Louisville, Kentucky 40202-1396
Toll Free 1-800-728-7228 ext. 5224
Fax: 502-569-8766
Email: finaid@pcusa.org

Print, sign, and send (mail, fax or email)

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