



## **Ministries in Higher Education Committee Racial Ethnic Scholarship Information**

Application Deadline: September 1

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Scholarship grants are available to racial and ethnic minority 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. Priority will be given to Presbyterian applicants from within the bounds of the synod. *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 AVAILABLE**

#### ***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 deadline is **September 1** of each year. Applications and all requested materials except 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 pastor or moderator/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 (future) applications 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 moderator/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

If you have any problems following the above procedures, or if they are not clear, consult the pastor, moderator/clerk of session, or the Synod of the Covenant.

Mail, fax or email completed applications and all requested information to:

Racial Ethnic Scholarship Sub-Committee  
Ministries in Higher Education Committee  
The Synod of the Covenant  
6450 Weatherfield Ct. Unit 1A  
Maumee, Ohio 43537  
Fax: 419-754-4051  
[m.shoop@synodofthecovenant.org](mailto:m.shoop@synodofthecovenant.org)



**APPLICATION FOR RACIAL ETHNIC SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**  
**Ministries in Higher Education Committee**  
**Synod of the Covenant, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**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**

**Racial Ethnic 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:**

<b>Year:</b>	<b>Amount:</b>
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**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 **September 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.*

*Pastor or moderator/clerk of session must submit the information below to the Synod office by the above deadline*

- *Endorsement letter from pastor or moderator/clerk of session*



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**Pastor or Clerk of Session Letter**

Dear Pastor or Clerk of Session:

A student from your congregation is applying for a racial ethnic scholarship offered by the Synod of the Covenant. These scholarships range from \$300 to \$2,000 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 stationery about the above student addressing the following topics:

1. The student's involvement in the life of the congregation and spiritual development
2. The student's academic achievement and career goals
3. The length of time you have known the student
4. Is this student a member of your church?
5. Is this student eligible for this Racial Ethnic Scholarship?
6. Any additional comments you wish to include

Please note: This is now the only form of endorsement accepted; please disregard previous forms associated with this scholarship.

Please mail or fax the letter by **September 1** to:

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Ministries in Higher Education Committee  
The Synod of the Covenant  
6450 Weatherfield Ct Unit 1A  
Maumee, Ohio 43537  
Fax: 419-754-4051