



The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS NETWORK

Higher Education Scholarship for Christian Leaders Application

Endorsement letter from Pastoral Leader or Clerk of Session

Dear Pastoral Leader or Clerk of Session:

A student from your congregation is applying for an educational support scholarship offered by the Synod of the Covenant. The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis depending on the student's enrollment and status, according to the following schedule:

- Undergraduate or vocational school students: up to full-time = \$1,500; part-time = \$750
- Theological institution students: up to full-time \$1,500; part-time = \$750

A letter from the pastoral leader 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.

Please write a letter on church stationery (no longer than one page) about the above student addressing the following topics:

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. Do you recommend the applicant for a scholarship from the Synod of the Covenant?
3. Is the applicant an **active** member of your church?
4. How has the student helped your congregation or another ministry to thrive, and/or helped to address racial injustice, or engaged anti-poverty efforts (the three main goals of the Synod)?³
5. Do you have additional relevant comments you wish to share?

Pastor or clerk of session must e-mail the letter on church letterhead to the Synod's email (below) before the student's application can be considered. This is the only form of endorsement accepted. Your letter must be received by May 31, 2021, so that applications can be considered beginning 6/1/2021. Please use this same email for any questions or feedback as well.

Questions can be addressed to Rev. Betty Angelini at pastorwarrenfpc@gmail.com or Lisa Allgood at lisa@cpresby.org.

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³ For more information about these three goals, please visit [Presbyterian Mission Agency Matthew 25 in the PC\(USA\): A bold vision and invitation | Presbyterian Mission Agency](#).