



Presbyterian Study Grant Racial Ethnic Supplemental Grant Native American Supplemental Grant

Application for 2009-2010

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Related Seminaries

Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary
Columbia Theological Seminary
University of Dubuque Theological Seminary
Johnson C. Smith Theological Seminary
Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary
McCormick Theological Seminary
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
Princeton Theological Seminary
San Francisco Theological Seminary
Union Theological Seminary
& Presbyterian School of Christian Education
**By Covenant Agreement with the
General Assembly**
Union/Auburn Theological Seminary
Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico

Range of Award(s)

Presbyterian Study Grant
\$1,000- \$4000
Racial Ethnic Supplemental
\$500-\$1,000
Native American Supplemental
\$500-\$1,500
Presbyterian Women Supplemental for
Women of Color
Up to \$3,000

Renewal

Three year maximum

Deadline

June 15 (postmark)

Mail Your Completed Application To:

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Office of Financial Aid for Studies/PSG
100 Witherspoon St.
Louisville, KY 40202-1396

Questions, Comments? Contact:

Office of Financial Aid for Studies
Toll-free: 888-728-7228 ext. 5224
Email: finaid@pcusa.org
www.pcusa.org/financialaid

Eligibility Requirements

- ? Active member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
 - o MACE students are not required to be Inquirer/Candidate, but must be recommended by Committee on Preparation for Ministry
 - o MDiv (also MDiv/Dual Degree) students in years 1 and 2 must be an Inquirer or Candidate
 - o MDiv (also MDiv/Dual Degree) students in year 3 must be a Candidate
- ? Normally enrolled full time at a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) related seminary
- ? Limited to MDiv and/or MACE
- ? Demonstrate Financial Need

In Order to Apply the Student Must

Complete the application, including these items:

- ? 1,000 word essay on the assigned topic.
 - o New students will write about what they believe God is calling them to do in ministry.
 - o 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.
- ? Prepare a two page resume or curriculum vitae
- ? Select your endorsers and provide them with one of the three endorsement elements (Congregational Leader/CPM/Faculty)
- ? Complete the FA FSA by June 1

Our Process

When we have received your Biographical Questionnaire, Essay, Resume, and the three endorsements required, a financial information form will be sent to the financial aid officer at the seminary you plan to attend. When that form is complete and submitted to the Office of Financial Aid for Studies the entire application is reviewed and evaluated to determine if the student is eligible for award.

Only students eligible for award will be submitted to the Presbyterian Study Grant reading committee on July 30-31. The PSG reading committee will consider the merits of eligible students and select students for award. Approximately 150 students will be awarded.

If the student is eligible for a supplemental award, the supplemental award will be determined by staff after the Presbyterian Study Grant has been awarded. The Racial Ethnic and Native American Supplemental Grants may not be used to replace any portion of the Presbyterian Study Grant.



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Racial Ethnic & Native American Supplemental Grants Checklist

Add Your Name & Mailing Address Below

Read this carefully. The checklist of requirements for your application has been prepared to guide you through the application process. It references documents included in the application package as well as materials that you must provide such as a resume and essay on an assigned topic.

Deadline for Application is **June 15** (Postmarked)

You are responsible for getting application elements to endorsers and seminary staff in a timely manner.

Application Checklist (For Office Use Only)

The Office of Financial Aid for Studies has received the documents checked

- Biographical Questionnaire
- Resume
- Essay
- Endorsement/Validation by a Congregational Leader
- Endorsement/Validation by Moderator or Liaison, Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- Letter of Recommendation from Faculty Advisor or Administrator

Financial Information Form—Will be sent to the seminary you plan to attend by Office of Financial Aid for Studies when all elements of the application are received. Your FAFSA must be on file for your financial aid officer to respond to this request.

Checklists will be mailed to students upon completion of the application. Checklists will be mailed on May 31 for students not yet complete.

Status of Application

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Complete/Eligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Complete/Ineligible | <input type="checkbox"/> Incomplete (See Above to Identify Missing Documents) |
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Comments:

Date	Evaluator PCUSA Office of Financial Aid for Studies
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Presbyterian Study Grant 2009-10
Racial Ethnic & Native American Supplemental Grants
Biographical Questionnaire

Information About The Applicant

Mr. Ms. _____
 Name (First Middle Last) SSN _____

Address _____ Date of Birth _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone (Day) _____ Phone (Cell) _____ Email _____

Male Female _____
 Gender Race/Ethnicity Native American students must provide tribal ID card or letter from tribe establishing membership to be considered for the Native American Supplemental Grant

Information About The Applicant's Seminary

Seminary You Plan to Attend _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Degree You Seek: MDiv MA (Christian Ed.) Other: _____
(If you are a dual degree student, please note the second program here)

Information About The Applicant's Church

Name of Home Church _____ PIN _____

Address _____ City _____ County¹ _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Information About The Applicant's Presbytery

Name of Presbytery _____ Inquirer Candidate Christian Ed. Major Student's Status

Planning for a Church Occupation As: _____

Statement

By submitting this application for financial aid to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) I affirm that I have represented myself accurately. I understand that the evaluations that have been submitted by others as a part of my application for financial aid are confidential to PCUSA and will be viewed and read only by PCUSA staff and the reading committee. I authorize the above named seminary to rele ase information required to determine enrollment status and financial need.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Revised: 3/16/09

¹ County requested in order to establish eligibility for geographically restricted funds

Resume/Curriculum Vitae

Prepare and attach a two-page resume or C.V. detailing activities you have participated in during and/or since your college years. When preparing your resume, consider how you have participated in the life of your college, university, or seminary, church, and community.

- ? Provide dates of participation
- ? Note the frequency (daily, weekly, monthly, etc) of activities that occur over a span of time
- ? Summarize your involvement in the activity

Don't forget to include any awards you have received in these activities.

If you have been employed, you may wish to include that as well. The resume is your opportunity to tell the Presbyterian Study Grant reading committee who you are through what you have done.

Students applying for renewal may submit an extract to append to the prior resume or replace the prior resume at their discretion.

Essay

What do you believe God is calling you to do in ministry? Respond in approximately 1000 words (no less than 800 words and no more than 1200 words) with an essay that will address what you are called to and what has motivated you to pursue a vocation in ministry. Submissions should be double-spaced. **Previously awarded students will reflect on the essay that supported their application in the year of award and write about how their understanding of their call has evolved.**

Endorsements

Endorsement elements are available to download. Each endorsement element (Congregational Leader, Presbytery/CPM, Faculty) is distinct in character. Read them carefully and select an endorser best capable of answering all of the questions.

First year/transfer students may seek an endorsement from the seminary they plan to attend or faculty from their previous program for the Faculty Endorsement. Consult your Director of Admissions to determine the appropriate administrator or faculty at the seminary to complete your endorsement.

Administrative Notes

Submissions

We encourage students to submit their applications printed on white paper. The PSG application averages 13 pages in length and we anticipate that the PSG Reading Committee will read over 200 applications. Out of courtesy to the readers, we ask that you avoid printing on card stock, colored paper, or paper with patterns or textures that may interfere with readability. Presentation folios, photographs, and unsolicited materials to supplement the application will not be included in the application presented to the PSG Reading Committee.

Deadlines & Extensions

The goal of the Office of Financial Aid for Studies is to present as many award eligible students as possible to the PSG reading committee. We consider deadline extensions on a case-by-case basis with the goal of presenting a complete application to the PSG Reading Committee.

Email & Faxes

The Office of Financial Aid for Studies does not solicit submissions by fax or email. In order to protect the security of your personal information we strongly encourage students to mail application elements. The deadline is by postmark; it is not necessary to use express mail to meet the deadline.

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.



Section I. (To Be Completed by the Applicant)

Name of Applicant _____

Date Submitted to Endorser _____

Confidentiality Policy

It is the policy of the Office of Financial Aid for Studies to hold evaluations by Pastors and Clerks of Session in grant and scholarship applications to be confidential documents, viewed only by staff and the reading committee.

Section II. (To Be Completed by Pastor or Clerk of Session)

If the student is related to the pastor, another church officer should complete the form

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 June 15, 2009 in order for the student to be considered for an award. MDiv students must be under care of a PCUSA Presbytery. If the student is not, or will not be under care by June 15th, please advise the student about seeking enrollment as an Inquirer in the Presbytery.

Is the applicant a member of the congregation? Yes No

How well do you know the student? _____

How long have you known the student? _____

Rate the Student's Preparedness for Ministry

Not At All	Somewhat	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Outstanding	
					Strong spiritual practices and disciplines
					Aware of others
					Collegial: "Work together"
					Biblically literate
					Clear understanding of Reformed tradition
					Effective communication skills
					Enthusiasm for ministry
					Mediates & modulates bad/problematic situation

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Alternative Endorsers for this element include: Campus Minister, Supervised Ministry Supervisor

Validation and Endorsement by Congregational Leader Continued
Presbyterian Study Grant

Section III. Endorsement

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.

Signature

Date

Name (Printed)

Title

Church

PIN

Phone

Address

Email Address

City

State

Zip



Section I. (To Be Completed by the Applicant)

Name of Applicant _____

Date Submitted to Endorser _____

Confidentiality Policy

It is the policy of the Office of Financial Aid for Studies to hold evaluations by the Liaison or Moderator, Committee on Preparation for Ministry in grant and scholarship applications to be confidential documents, viewed only by staff and the reading committee.

Section II. (To Be Completed by the Moderator, Committee on Preparation for Ministry or CPM liaison, or the Christian Education Certification Advisor)

The student 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 June 15, 2009 in order for the student to be considered for an award. MDiv students must be under care of a PCUSA Presbytery. Deadline extensions for pending Presbytery actions will be granted if the action is scheduled to take place prior to the July 30-31, 2009 Presbyterian Study Grant Reading Committee. Please complete the form and submit it. The program administrator will email or call the student and endorser to confirm the deadline extension and schedule a follow-up to obtain verification.

The applicant is:

- Not Under Care Not Under Care (Christian Education Major)
- Inquirer Effective Date: _____ The student will be received or will advance before July 31. Deadline extension requested.
- Candidate Effective Date: _____

Has the student completed the annual consultation? Yes No

If the answer is no, please explain why? _____

Is the student advancing in the ordination process to the satisfaction of the Presbytery? Yes No

How well do you know the applicant? _____

Rate the Student's Preparedness for Ministry

Not At All	Somewhat	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations	Outstanding	
					Aware of others
					Appropriate boundaries
					Biblically literate
					Theologically literate
					Clear understanding of Reformed tradition
					Mediates & modulates bad/problematic situation
					Effective communication skills
					Articulates a clear sense of Call
					Committed to ministry in the denomination

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Endorsement

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Signature

Date

Please provide the Office of Financial Aid for Studies with a way to contact you if we have questions or concerns.

Liaison Moderator

Name (Printed)

Presbytery

Synod/Presbytery Number

Endorser's Address

Endorser's Phone

City

State

Zip

Endorser's Email



Section I. (To Be Completed by the Applicant)

Name of Applicant _____

Confidentiality Policy

It is the policy of the Office of Financial Aid for Studies 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 June 15, 2009 in order for the student to be considered for an award. Evaluator must be an advisor or instructor.

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.

Rate the Student's Preparedness for Ministry

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

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Signature	Date
Name (Printed)	Title
Seminary	
Address	Phone
City State Zip	Email

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