



2009-2010 Graduate Scholarship Program
Presbyterian Church (USA)
3040 Market Street
Camp Hill, PA 17011- 4599



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As an expression of Christian concern for the nurture of students, the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is pleased to offer the following scholarships for students who are pursuing a degree other than a baccalaureate degree, and whose permanent residence is within the boundaries* of the Synod of the Trinity:

- **Mary L. Clark Ministry Study Grant:** provides financial assistance to persons who are residents of Pennsylvania and who are engaged in studying for service in the Presbyterian ministry
- **Mary Meade Maxwell Vocations Scholarship:** provides scholarship assistance to persons who are residents within the bounds of the Synod of the Trinity and who are preparing for full time church-related vocations.

*The Synod of the Trinity encompasses all of Pennsylvania, West Virginia (except for the counties of Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, and Pendleton), and in Ohio, only the counties of Belmont, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, and the southern sector of Columbiana.

Deadline for completed application and supporting documentation is April 30, 2009. No late applications will be reviewed. Applicants are responsible for assuring that all required information is received. All documents, correspondence, and conversations are confidential. Notification is mid-July.

Mary L. Clark Ministry Study Grants

Mary L. Clark Ministry Study Grants are available as the result of a generous gift given by the estate of Mary L. Clark. In her Last Will and Testament, Mary L. Clark left the residue of her estate to the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), "to be used to provide financial assistance to persons who are residents of the Pennsylvania and who are engaged in studying for service in the Presbyterian ministry. The Synod shall have absolute discretion to determine what person should receive assistance and the amount each should receive."

The following guidelines were prepared in order to fulfill the requirements of Mary Clark's Last Will and demonstrate appropriate stewardship of her gift to the church.

Goals:

- To further the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) tradition of well-educated and scholarly clergy through the promotion of educational excellence;
- To encourage the development of faithful and effective clergy and others in service to the church;
- To encourage and develop the skills of individuals engaged in studying for service in the Presbyterian ministry.

Requirements:

- Must be a resident of Pennsylvania and a member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Must be seeking a grant for a primary seminary degree, or for educational development (not a baccalaureate degree) and be under the supervision of a Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod of the Trinity within Pennsylvania
- Must demonstrate that he is engaged in studying for service in the Presbyterian ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- The seminary must be either a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seminary OR a seminary approved by the applicant's Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Grant limitations:

- Grant amounts based on availability of funds and number of eligible applications
- Preference is given to first-time requests
- Grants must be used for:
 - 1) Programs related to continuing education, or
 - 2) Costs of traveling overseas for educational purposes with supporting documents demonstrating educational nature and how it will enhance ministry, or
 - 3) Tuition for a degree beyond a baccalaureate degree, or
 - 4) Tuition for a church vocational development continuing education program that enhances a skill or proficiency required for vocational responsibilities for example: Stewardship, Evangelism, etc)

Mary Meade Maxwell Vocations Scholarship

Mary Meade Maxwell Church Vocations Scholarships are available as the result of a generous gift given by the estate of Mary Meade Maxwell, a life-long Presbyterian and sometime educator. In her Last Will and Testament, Mrs. Maxwell left a portion of her estate to the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), "for use in providing scholarship assistance to persons preparing for full time church related vocations" for those whose permanent residence is within the bounds of the Synod.

Goals:

- To further the Presbyterian tradition of well-educated and scholarly leadership through the promotion of educational excellence
- To encourage the development of faithful and effective leaders in full-time service to the Presbyterian Church for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- To encourage and develop the skills of individuals engaged in studying for service as a Minister of Word and Sacrament or another full time church vocation

Requirements:

- Must be a member of a Congregation or Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod of the Trinity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Must be an Inquirer or Candidate in a Presbytery of the Synod of the Trinity if seeking a primary seminary degree
- Must be for educational development (not baccalaureate degree) leading to full time church-related vocation

Scholarship Limitations:

- Based on availability of funds and number of eligible applications
- Preference is given to first-time requests
- Scholarships must be used for:
 - 1) Programs related to continuing education, or
 - 2) Tuition for a degree or non-degree oriented program other than baccalaureate degree

Review Process for all Applicants

- Each will be reviewed as follows:
 - Extent to which the individual is engaged in studying for service in the Presbyterian ministry
 - Whether previous grants were awarded and the nature of other funding sources
 - Demonstration of need as indicated on the Financial Aid Form
 - Ability to demonstrate that the education program being pursued will enhance current ministry, responsibilities and/or gifts
 - Whether application and all supporting material including financial aid form are postmarked by April 30, 2009
- Grant distribution based on funds available
- Applicants notified in late July with award made payable and mailed to the applicant

Questions?

Contact - Marcia Humer, Synod Office Phone: 800-242-0534 ext. 233

Email: mhumer@syntrinity.org

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Narrative Section:

Attach an additional sheet and be brief (500 words or less per question).

1. Briefly describe the roles and responsibilities of your current position.
2. Provide a description of the program/study project and the dates when the projected study will occur.
3. Attach a one-page photocopy of the program literature.
4. Explain the ways in which you anticipate that this program of study will improve your performance in your full-time church-related vocation.
5. Give a description of your present circumstance describing your relevant education, vocational experiences and vocational goals as they relate to this course of study.
6. Give a summary of your future educational objectives.
7. Explain special circumstances regarding family health, economic conditions, or other problems which have added stress to your present financial situation.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE:

I, the undersigned applicant, certify that to the best of my knowledge, all of the information provided in this application is true and correct, and that all of the answers are complete. I understand that only completed applications received by the postmarked date of April 30, 2009 will be considered for awards.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date _____

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENT:

- CPM Chair: For those preparing for a church vocation
- Clerk of Session: For those ordained PC(U.S.A.) Ministers engaged in advanced degree work or Church Educators or Church Music Ministers engaged in continuing education

The signature below indicates that the applicant's Presbytery Committee and/or Church Session has reviewed this study plan and has approved the applicant's participation in this program.

Print Name: _____

Title: _____ Phone: _____
Office or Home?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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<p style="text-align: center;">Financial Aid Form 2009 - 2010</p>
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Applicant's name _____

This certifies that the information above reflects data currently on file at _____
College/Institution
and is correct as of this date. It is understood that grants and loans for 2009-2010 may not be firm. Any estimate or actual profile of financial aid to the student will help in the analysis of the applicant's financial need.

Print Financial Aid Officer's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Signature: _____ **Date** _____

We sincerely appreciate your time in completing this form.

Please affix seal and return to applicant or mail to:

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