

THE JOHN OLDMAN, JR. MEMORIAL SEMINARY STUDENT AID FUND

for Pittsburgh Presbytery

INFORMATION

A fund to provide financial aid for students studying in an approved seminary to prepare for full-time church-related work in the Presbyterian Church (USA) has been established. This fund will be administered by the Commission on Preparation for Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery. A Seminary Student Aid Fund Sub-Committee of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry shall recommend to whom grants will be made and in what amount. The basis for these determinations shall be as follows:

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. The applicant must be in covenant relationship with Pittsburgh Presbytery through CPM;
- B. The applicant must be a student in an approved seminary (i.e. as determined by the Commission on Preparation for Ministry);
- C. The applicant must be preparing for at least half time church-related work in the Presbyterian Church (USA);
- D. This Fund will be a source of last resort. That is, the applicant must have made every reasonable effort to secure funds from other sources;
- E. The applicant may have no grade below a "B" (or equivalent) during the preceding term;
- F. The applicant must not have been granted or be anticipating requesting an exception to the usual requirements for those preparing for ministry through Pittsburgh Presbytery. This shall include all procedural requirements as well as constitutional requirements for ordination if ordination is being sought;
- G. The Commission on Preparation for Ministry may consider such other data as seems relevant.

II. APPLICATION

- A. The applicant must supply the Commission with any relevant information necessary to establish the extent of need and resources (see application form);
- B. The completed application must be received by May 15.
- C. The applicant must supply or have supplied to the Finance Sub-Committee any references, certifications or other data required by the Commission on Preparation, including endorsement and recommendation by the applicant's home church Session.

III. AMOUNT OF GRANT

- A. The maximum to be granted to any one applicant during any one academic year shall be \$1,500;
- B. The maximum to be granted to any one applicant throughout their seminary training shall not exceed \$4,500.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. The Commission on Preparation for Ministry shall be empowered to do and perform all things necessary to the administration of the Fund, including, but not limited to the determination of eligibility, and the amount and form of information to be supplied by the applicant.
- B. The John Oldman Jr. Memorial Seminary Student Aid Fund shall be held and/or invested by Pittsburgh Presbytery for said purpose. In June of each year, the Commission on Preparation for Ministry will be advised of the amount of funds that can be withdrawn for scholarship grants. The amount will be 5% of the average of the previous twelve (12) rolling quarters total held in the fund.

Please return completed application & promissory note to:

Pittsburgh Presbytery
ATTN: Cindy Miller
901 Allegheny Avenue
Pittsburgh PA, 15233

Contact Info: cmiller@pghpresbytery.org
(p) 412-323-1400 X 321
(f) 412-323-2256

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APPLICATION

Name _____

Address _____

Street

City/State/Zip

Phone _____ Email _____

Home Congregation _____

Are you currently under care of Pittsburgh Presbytery? Yes No

EDUCATION STATUS

What seminary are you currently attending? _____

What is your student status?

Selection one:

- I am currently attending seminary full-time
- I am currently attending seminary part-time
- Other, explain _____

Select one:

- I am an Inquirer
- I am a Candidate
- Other, explain _____

What is your expected date of graduation from seminary? (mm/yyyy) _____

What is your intent for employment upon graduation from seminary?

EMPLOYMENT STATUS

Select one:

I am currently working full-time at _____

with an annual salary of \$ _____

I am currently working part-time at _____

with an annual salary of \$ _____

FINANCIAL STATUS

State the amount of your financial need for the coming year _____

State your reason(s) for requesting support through the Oldman Fund:

If support through the Oldman Fund is granted, describe for what the funds will be used:

List below all scholarships, grants and/or financial aid you have applied for and/or received toward your seminary education:

	Source	Date Received	Amount
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			
8.			

The Oldman Fund is to be a financial source of the last resort. Have you made every reasonable effort to secure funds from other sources? Yes No

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach any/all documents relevant to your application:

Current transcript

Documentation that substantiates need (submit a brief summary of your yearly budget with estimated income and expenses.

Signed Student Grant Agreement & Recommendation for the Oldman Fund

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PROMISSORY NOTES

STUDENT PROMISSORY NOTE:

Desiring to secure the best education possible in order to increase my effectiveness as a teaching elder, and being in need of funds to enable me to study for the coming year, I hereby solicit a grant of \$_____ from the Commission on Preparation for ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in accordance with the rules and policies of said presbytery. I have read the Student Grant rules and accept the requirements contained therein. I solemnly pledge that in the event of receiving a grant, I will limit my expense to the cost of living and of my education. I promise to notify Pittsburgh Presbytery of any changes I may make in my school or residence.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Student)

SESSION RECOMMENDATION BY APPLICANT'S CHURCH TO THE COMMISSION ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY OF PITTSBURGH PRESBYTERY:

The Session of _____ Presbyterian Church located at _____ at a meeting on this date of _____ has examined the above application for a grant of \$_____ and is persuaded of the worth of the applicant, his/her ability, industry, economy and promise of Christian usefulness, and of his/her need of the amount applied for to prosecute his/her studies for the coming year. On motion, we approved the application and recommend the same to Pittsburgh Presbytery for favorable action.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Clerk of Session)

Concurred in and recommended by the Commission on Preparation for Ministry of Pittsburgh Presbytery:

Signature _____ Date _____

(Chairperson of CPM or Presbytery Staff Liaison to CPM)