

Synod of Lakes and Prairies

Racial Ethnic Student Preparation for Ministry Scholarship Fund

The Racial Ethnic Scholarship Fund is an educational assistance program designed to encourage Racial Ethnic students in their preparation for service in the Presbyterian Church USA.

Funds for this program are provided by the Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry.

Applicants must be:

- 1. Racial Ethnic students whose permanent residence is within the bounds of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies**
- 2. Active member in a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**
- 3. Studying for preparation for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or in a related ecumenical organization**
- 4. Enrolled at least half-time and in good academic standing**
- 5. Making progress toward a degree**
- 6. Able to demonstrate financial need**

Applications will be evaluated and awards selected on the basis of information supplied on this form and the pastor's and teacher's recommendations. Students must be able to demonstrate their preparation for ministry as ordained clergy or other church occupation. Winning consideration will focus on personal qualities reflected in school, church and

community activities, and academic achievement.

If you are interested in this scholarship program, all necessary admissions and financial aid forms for the school to which you are a current student must be completed. It is your responsibility to be sure that *all* forms, including the required transcript, financial aid statement and letters of recommendation are submitted to our committee by the deadline with your scholarship application. Incomplete applications will be returned. It is the applicant's responsibility to return a completed application.

All applicants will be notified by the committee if they have been chosen as a finalist or not. The scholarship awards may only be used toward educational costs. The grant is a supplement to any other financial aid received by the student and becomes a part of the total financial aid package.

Please direct your questions to:
Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry
Synod of Lakes and Prairies
2115 Cliff Drive
Eagan, MN 55122-3327
Phone: 1-800-328-1880 ext 204 or ext 209
Fax: 651-357-1141

Deadline: September 28, 2007

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(From options A, B, or C below, check the one that is most relevant to you and complete that section.)

A. Preparation for ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament
Date enrolled as an Inquirer _____ (Presbytery) _____
Date enrolled as a Candidate _____ (Presbytery) _____
If you are not under care of the presbytery, but intend to seek ordination, when did you talk with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to discuss the process? _____

B. Preparation for service as Commissioned Lay Pastor
I am currently serving as a Commissioned Lay Pastor with _____ Church in the Presbytery of _____. Date commissioned: _____

I am seeking to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor in the Presbytery of _____
Describe your course of study to prepare yourself to become a Commissioned Lay Pastor.

C. Preparation as a lay professional.
Describe the church occupation in which you are interested.

Describe your course of education to prepare yourself for this church occupation.

APPLICANT ESSAYS (Each applicant must submit 2 essays. Each essay must be on a separate sheet of paper, and should be 200-500 words in length.)

1. What is your vision for the church?
2. Choose one topic below to answer.
 - a. Describe how your school experience will prepare you to work in the church.
 - or
 - b. Describe the person who most influenced your commitment to Christ.

I declare that the information given by me on this form is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the appropriate school officials to release a transcript of my current grades and financial aid information to the Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry, Synod of Lakes and Prairies, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Signature: _____ **Date** _____

Check List	Pending	Completed & Attached
Transcript	_____	_____
Part I	_____	_____
Part II Financial	_____	_____
Part III Pastor's Recommendation	_____	_____
Part IV Teacher's Recommendation	_____	_____
Official Transcript Ordered	_____	_____

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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Mail completed application and transcripts to: Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry
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Part II (Must be completed by a financial aid officer and will not be accepted if submitted by student.)

**Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry Scholarships
Financial Information**

Student's Name _____

Name of institution: _____

Name of Financial Aid Officer: (print) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Student budget for school year (2007 to 2008)

A. Cost of Education (Please use annual cost to determine student's financial aid)

Tuition and fees _____

Books and supplies _____

Dorm residence _____

Off campus housing _____

Total of A _____

B. Resources

Parent contribution
(for dependent student) _____

Student contribution _____

Other (please specify) _____

Total of B _____

Health Insurance Yes _____ No _____

C. Assessed Need (A minus B) _____

D. Total Financial Aid

Grant and Scholarships _____

Pell _____

State Grant _____

SEOG _____

Tribal _____

State Indian Program _____

Other _____

Loans _____

Stafford _____

Perkins _____

Other _____

Student Employment _____

Total of D _____

E. Unmet Need (C minus D) _____

F. Educational Debt of Previous Loan(s) _____

Amount Requested: _____

Signature of financial aid officer _____ Date: _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

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Racial Ethnic Student Scholarship Fund

Administered by
Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry

Pastor's Reference Form

Name of Student: _____

In what capacity have you known the student? _____

Please describe the student's personal qualities in the following areas:

CHARACTER: _____

LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL: _____

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

WHAT GIFTS AND TALENTS DOES THE STUDENT HAVE WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR
CHRISTIAN SERVICE?: _____

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Signed _____

Name (please print) _____

Date _____

Part IV

(To be completed by the teacher.)

Teacher's Recommendation

To the Candidate:

Please fill out the top portion of the recommendation and give one copy to your teacher along with the appropriate reference form printed on the reverse side.

Student's name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Phone _____ / _____
Number and Street

_____ City State Zip code

School: _____ City: _____ State: _____

To the Teacher:

This student is applying for the Racial Ethnic Scholarship of the Synod of Lakes and Prairies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The award is designed to encourage Racial Ethnic students preparing for ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) as clergy or another church occupation. Since the application cannot be evaluated until this form has been received, both the student and the Committee on Racial Ethnic Ministry would appreciate a prompt reply.

Name: _____ Title: _____

School: _____

_____ Address City State Zip code

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Teacher's Reference Form

Name of Student: _____

In what capacity have you known the student? _____

Please describe the student's personal qualities in the following areas:

CHARACTER: _____

LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL: _____

OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS: _____

WHAT HAS SURPRISED YOU MOST ABOUT THIS STUDENT'S INTEREST IN A CHURCH

OCCUPATION? _____

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Signed _____

Name (please print) _____

Date _____