



Synod of the Sun Scholarships

Any Presbyterian within the synod may apply for a scholarship. Grants are for individuals within the Synod of the Sun who meet the criteria for assistance according to the specified purpose of the funds.

If a scholarship has a current balance of zero, it may be replenished in the future by interest earned on endownments, by other synod funds or by donation.

Reference	Name of Fund	Purpose and Source	Criteria	Application Deadlines		
		Preparation for Ministry				
33140 FB; 71140	Seminary Scholarship Fund	Scholarship for PC(USA) seminary courses. Source: endowment and synod reserves. (SOSPF)	Teaching or Ruling Elders, Candidates and Inquirers under care, or upon recommendation of presbytery of membership within the synod. Maximum Grant: 75% of course cost.	Quarterly		
33900 FB; 71910	SOSPF Scholarship Fund	Scholarships for students (SOSPF)	Student attending instutition in covenant partner with the synod OR attending PC(USA) related seminary as a member of PC(USA) congregation in the Synod of the Sun, certified as Inquirer or Candidate in Presbytery, and Planning to serve PC(USA) following graduation.	Annually, June 15		
33100 FB; TPF 12220,12221	Hispanic Latino Student Fund (Mappa)	Scholarships for Hispanic Latino students preparing for ministry. Source: Women of the Church Birthday Offering and unrestriced reserves. (TPF) Maximum award: \$7,500 per year	Hispanic Latino students preparing for ministry who are members of churches within the synod.	Quarterly		

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		Racial E	thnic Ministries	Deadmies
	Hispanic Latino Continuing Education Fund (MACC)	Church related continuing education for Hispanic Latino pastors and lay leaders. (TPF) Maximum grant: \$1,000. Source: Unrestricted reserves. Corpus maintained: \$6,000	Hispanic Latino pastors and lay leaders from churches within the syond.	Quarterly
		Othe	er Ministries	
33150 FB; 71150	Volunteers in Mission	Assistance for participants in the Volunteers in Mission program. Source: donations and unrestricted reserves. (SOSPF)	Members of churches, presbyteries or instutions in covenant relationship with the synod.	Quarterly
	Educational Programs	Scholarships for educational programs. Maximum grant: \$300. Source: Endowment. (SOSPF)	Members of churches and presbyteries within the syond.	Quarterly
33110 FB; TPF 12225,12226	Albert Crisp Scholarship for Orphans	Scholarships for college and career training for orphans. Maximum grant: \$500. Source: Endowment. (TPF) Corpus maintained: \$50,000	Orphans within the synod who are under 25 years old.	Quarterly
31300 FB; 74300	International Mission Trips	Individual participation in recognized international mission trips Source: Mission Presbytery unrestricted gift	Individual Members of the PC(U.S.A.) within the synod. PC(U.S.A.) affiliated or recognized Non-Government Organization international mission trip. Max: \$1,500. Limit one award per trip.	Quarterly
	Munson & Kerr Scholarship Fund			Annually

Scholarship Guidelines

The Synod Grants and Scholarships Commission is authorized to make final decisions concerning applications. All approved grants and scholarships will be reported to the next meeting of the synod.

NOTE: Scholarships from the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Foundation for MDiv study (Reference: SOSPF) and the Rural Church Doctor of Ministry Program at Austin Seminary (Reference: 33673) have **separate** application forms.

Please visit the synod website (synodsun.org) for the appropriate form.

- 1. <u>Parameters:</u> Each application is reviewed in light of the fact that the synod includes four states, eleven presbyteries, numerous institutions, and a diversity of members. The distribution of funds will reflect this diversity of needs and geography as much as possible.
- 2. <u>Criteria:</u> Some scholarships from endowments or other funding sources which limit the beneficiaries with categories of age, ethnic background, status as an orphan, size of church, etc.
- 3. <u>Procedures:</u> Applications submitted in a calendar quarter will normally be reviewed the month following that quarter's end. Notification and remittance will be within 2 weeks after revew. Applications for scholarships with deadlines will not be considered if submitted late.
- 4. <u>Remittance:</u> Scholarship funds will not be remitted directly to the applicant. Instead, funds will be remitted to the college, seminary, continuing education event, career training provider, or sponsoring organization (such as Austin Seminary or Mo Ranch).
- 5. Evaluation: An evaluation must be sent to the synod within 30 days after the purpose of the scholarship is fulfilled. It will indicate to what

Online Applications: applications are accepted only through online submission. Visit synodsun.org to complete the online application.

Please gather all of the information listed below prior to starting the online process. Partial applications will not be considered.

Applicant's Information

- 1. Name
- 2. Address, state, zip
- 3. Daytime telephone
- 4. Home telephone
- 5. Cell phone
- 6. Email address
- 7. Date of birth
- 8. Relationship to Synod (member of a church, presbytery or synod-related organization)

General Information

- 9. How will the grant be used?
- 10. What are the goals, supervision, and accountability for this Scholarship?
- 11. What vital need or opportunity will be addressed by this Scholarship?
- 12. How do you meet the criteria for this Scholarship?
- 13. Amount of funds available from other sources of funding.

List all of the following:

- (a) continuing education allowance,
- (b) congregational assistance,
- (c) denominational assistance,
- (d) other grants or scholarships, and
- (e) personal funds used
- 14. Any other information relevant to this application.

Information about this Scholarship or Grant

- 15. Name of fund and Reference Number (see pages 1-2)
- 16. Amount of money requested
- 17. Date money is needed

<u>Information about the Endorsing Session, Presbytery or Other Synod-Related Organization</u>

- 18. Name of endorsing organization(s)
- 19. Name of responsible officer(s)
- 20. Telephone number(s) of responsible officer(s)