

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GRAND HAVEN, MICHIGAN**

**Mission Seminary Grant Program**

**Purpose**

The Mission Seminary Grant Program at First Presbyterian Church was established in order to assist First Presbyterian Church members in the process of attending seminary and striving toward a career in ministry. The Program is not based upon financial need; rather is granted based upon the true and honest desire to pursue that career.

**Available Award**

- A maximum of \$1000 per semester may be awarded, for two semesters per year.
- The award is not one-time; it may be repeated, and as a grant, repayment is not required.
- The program will be capped at \$6000 per year, which is anticipated to be (but not restricted to) a max of \$1000 per student for three students each semester, for two semesters per year.

**Application Criteria**

The applicant must:

- Be an active, participating member in good standing at First Presbyterian Church.
- Be accepted at an accredited Reformed-perspective seminary, not necessarily Presbyterian.
- Be pursuing a ministry degree program, attending at least half-time.

**Application Process – Initial Grant**

The applicant must:

- Complete the attached application form, including at least two references.
- Attach a written Statement of Calling and Goal, explaining the applicant's faith journey, the desire to attend seminary, and the intended goal(s) to be reached.
- Obtain the recommendation of the Senior Pastor/Head of Staff.
- Provide all of the above to the Mission Committee.

The Mission Committee will then:

- Screen applicants and prayerfully consider each case on its own merits.
- Take the application before Session if deemed warranted.
- Notify the applicant of the decision of the Committee.
- Upon acceptance, funds will be paid directly to the seminary/organization.

**Re-Application/Continuation of a Grant**

Applicant is to submit a letter of request for continuation including: (1) The results/benefits of the semester just completed, (2) Affirmation that the former ministry goal is still valid and true, (3) The level of funding requested.

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**Mission Seminary Grant Program - Application**

1. Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Permanent Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Contact Email: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Seminary Attending: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Degree Program : \_\_\_\_\_
7. Current Position (1<sup>st</sup> year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year): \_\_\_\_\_
8. Semester Requested (e.g. Fall 2016): \_\_\_\_\_
9. Amount of Funding Requested \_\_\_\_\_
10. Other Available Funding Sources \_\_\_\_\_
11. Written Statement of Calling and Goal (attached)
12. Approval of Senior Pastor/Head of Staff (attached)
13. At least two references (attached)

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

In signing and submitting this application, I certify that my aim and goal of seminary is true to the calling of the Lord in my life, and that all information provided is complete and accurate.