

PENNSYLVANIA SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR SEMINARIANS POLICY

Changes approved April 10, 2019 by the Church and Ministry Council -
This policy replaces any and all other policy statements made previous to this date.

For a number of years the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference has provided scholarships for members in discernment of the Associations. These scholarships have been funded by the income from the Heidelberg Endowment of the PSEC. Most recently we have been able to support full-time students at the rate not to exceed \$500/semester; part-time students have received half that amount.

In order to make the best use of Conference resources and support our students in an equitable way, the following refinements to the scholarship program (Student Grant Assistance) were approved by the Church and Ministry Council on September 10, 2012, and updated on April 10, 2019:

- Grants will be provided to each student enrolled full-time in a Master's of Divinity program at an accredited seminary not to exceed \$3000 over the course of study (based on six semesters of full-time coursework).
- Grants will be provided for part-time students enrolled in a Master's of Divinity program at an accredited seminary at the rate of half the amount granted to full-time students.
- The dollar amount of assistance in any given year may vary depending on investment income.

STUDENT GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR SEMINARIANS

Guidelines and Application Procedures

GUIDELINES

The Conference Student Grant Assistance Program for Seminarians is administered by the Church and Ministry Council in collaboration with the Committee on Ministry of the Associations.

1. The Conference Student Grant Assistance Program for Seminarians seeks to provide assistance to persons enrolled in a Master's of Divinity program in an accredited seminary who are members of the United Church of Christ and officially enrolled as a Member in Discernment of an Association or Conference and who are preparing for a church-related occupation.
2. Awards under the Conference Student Grant Assistance Program for Seminarians are supplemental to all other resources available to the seminarian, whether from a college, seminary, local church, family, scholarships and other sources.
3. The awards are made payable directly to the student.
4. Awards are made semi-annually for the school year.
5. All applications must first be approved by the Association Committee on Ministry in which the seminarian has Member in Discernment status and recommended by that committee or its appointed officer.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

1. Application forms will be made available by the Conference to Association Committee on Ministry chairs to pass on to the seminary students in their association.
2. The application forms should be completed in their entirety and be returned to the Association Committee Chair or its appointed officer for review, approval and recommendation by the following dates:
(Please note, incomplete forms will not be reviewed.)
Fall Semester: Forms to COMs by May 1st ; due to the Conference Office by June 15th
Spring Semester: Forms to COMs by August 1st ; due to the Conference Office by September 15th
3. The target dates for the distribution of awards are July 1st and October 1st. Checks will be mailed directly to the students.