



The Synod of the Trinity
Presbyterian Church (USA)
 3040 Market Street
 Camp Hill, PA 17011- 4599



2010-2011 Undergraduate Educational Scholarship Program

As an expression of Christian concern for the nurture of students, the Synod of the Trinity, Presbyterian Church (USA), is pleased to make three types of scholarship grants available for full-time students. This particular ministry is motivated by a historic and ongoing concern for the full-time education of racial ethnic and Presbyterian students who endeavor to continue their education beyond the secondary level.

Racial Ethnic Educational Scholarship (REES)

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| ➤ Assists full-time undergraduate students whose permanent address is within the bounds of the Synod* |
| ➤ Provides grants for attendance at any accredited college, university or accredited vocational institution |
| ➤ Requires ethnicity: African American, Asian, Middle Eastern, Hispanic, Latino, or Native American |

Synod of the Trinity Educational Scholarship (STES)*

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| ➤ Assists full-time undergraduate students who are members of or are actively involved in a Presbyterian Church (USA) and attending <u>any</u> accredited college, university or accredited vocational institution |
| ➤ Requires the student's permanent address to be within the bounds of the Synod* |

Rusch-Shepard Memorial Scholarship (RSMS)

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| ➤ Assists the full-time undergraduate child of a minimally salaried Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor serving in the Synod of the Trinity |
| ➤ Provides grants for attendance at any accredited college, university or accredited vocational institution |
| ➤ Requires the student's permanent address to be within the bounds of the Synod* |

*The Synod of the Trinity encompasses all of Pennsylvania, West Virginia (except for the counties of Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, and Pendleton), and in Ohio, only the counties of Belmont, Harrison, Jefferson, Monroe, and the southern sector of Columbiana.

General Information

- Applications are reviewed only after all documents have been received or postmarked by the deadline of April 30, 2010. This includes application, specified essay, teacher/counselor recommendation, and financial aid form. The **committee** determines if the student meets all criteria.
- The Committee (with the aid of the college's financial aid office) determines if resources available to applicant and the family are sufficient to meet educational costs. Deciding factors include:
 1. Applicant's financial need based on a combination of resources including parent (guardian) and student's contributions, other scholarship grants and awards, student and/or parent (guardian) loans, and work-study opportunities
 2. Total income limit: \$85,000 per year for family of four (4) including the applicant. The committee determines incremental increases for larger (or smaller) families.
 3. Applicant's Federal and State Aid
- Applicant can receive only ONE Synod scholarship per academic year and a total of four undergraduate Synod scholarships and must be enrolled in a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year (summer school not included). The Synod Scholarship Program is for first-time degree applicants only.
- Applicant must be in satisfactory academic standing as defined by his/her college/institution

- Applicant must apply each academic year – scholarships are not renewable
- Awarded scholarship is non-transferable and forfeited should student change his/her college after awards are announced or transfer during the academic year
- Applicants are notified in early July and are responsible for notifying the college. Award check is mailed directly to the college in late August
- Applicants are required to notify the Synod office of changes & additions to his/her application or forfeit the award (includes scholarships & grants awarded after application has been submitted)

Criteria for all Applicants

Live within the bounds of the Synod:

- ✓ Pennsylvania or
- ✓ West Virginia (excluding the counties of Berkeley, Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Jefferson, Mineral, Morgan, and Pendleton) or
- ✓ Ohio (only the counties of Belmont, Columbiana, Harrison, Jefferson, and Monroe)

Please note: college address is not accepted as permanent residency

Be a citizen of the United States or provide a photocopy of a Green Card (Form 551)

Be enrolled as a full-time student with a minimum of 24 credit hours per year in an accredited undergraduate institution. Scholarship program is for first-time degree applicants only.

Apply for both Federal & State grants

And specifically, when applying for:

- Racial Ethnic Educational Scholarship (REES):
Be African American, Asian, Middle Eastern, Hispanic, Latino, or Native America
- Synod of the Trinity Educational Scholarship (STES):
Be a member of or actively involved in a Presbyterian Church (USA) and provide verification from pastor
- Rusch-Shepard Memorial Scholarship (RSMS):
Be the child of a minimally salaried Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor serving in the Synod and provide verification of clergy parent's salary

Please note:

1. We strongly suggest that you keep copies of all application material.
2. Applicant is responsible for assuring that all required materials are postmarked by April 30, 2010.
3. **Incomplete applications will not be processed or reviewed.**
4. All materials are confidential and become the property of the Synod of the Trinity.
5. There will be no communication from the Synod office until notification letters are mailed in July.

Deadline: April 30, 2010

Questions? Contact Marcia Humer

Email: mhumer@syntrinity.org or scholarships@syntrinity.org

Phone: 800-242-0534 ext. 233

Website: www.syntrinity.org



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2010-2011 Undergraduate Application

You may apply for all 3 scholarships but only ONE award will be made per applicant per academic year.

Racial Ethnic Educational Scholarship (REES):

African-American Hispanic Other: _____
 Asian Latino
 Middle Eastern Native American

Synod of the Trinity Educational Scholarship (STES):

Member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) or actively involved in a Presbyterian Church (USA)

Rusch-Shepard Memorial Scholarship (RSMS):

Child of a minimally-salaried Presbyterian Church (USA) pastor serving within the Synod

NOTE: PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. If a line of information does not apply to you, place N/A (not applicable) on the line. Unclear or incomplete forms will disqualify your application.

SECTION I: ALL APPLICANTS

Have you previously been awarded a Synod scholarship? Yes No

If yes, for the year/s: _____ - _____; _____ - _____; _____ - _____

Applicant's Name: _____
Last First MI

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security Number: _____
Month/Day/Year

Permanent Address: _____ City: _____

COUNTY: (not country) _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Applicant's Email: _____

Citizen of the US? Yes No If no, are you a permanent resident? Yes No Enclose copy of Green Card

Dependent Applicant:

Name of Parent/s or Guardian/s with whom you reside:

Father/Guardian: First Name Last Name

Mother/Guardian: First Name Last Name

Number in Family (include parents): _____ Number in college full time in 2010-2011: _____

Occupation: Father/Guardian: _____ Mother/Guardian: _____

Adjusted Gross Income for the year: Father/Guardian: \$ _____ Mother/Guardian: \$ _____

Total 2009 Adjusted Gross Income: \$ _____

Applicant's Name _____

Independent Applicant:

Number in Family (include dependent children): _____ Number in College full time in 2010-2011: _____

Ages of Applicant's dependent children: _____

Applicant's occupation: _____ Spouse's Occupation : _____

Adjusted Gross Income for the year: Applicant: \$ _____ Spouse: \$ _____

If filed jointly, combined adjusted gross Income for the year: \$ _____

Total 2009 Adjusted Gross Income: \$ _____

FOR THE STES SCHOLARSHIP – VERIFICATION REQUIRED:

Verification of Presbyterian (USA) Church Membership or Actively Involved within the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (USA)

Are you a member of a PC(USA) church within the Synod boundaries? ___Yes ___ No

If yes, how many years a member? _____ If no, how many years have you been actively involved? _____

PC(USA) Church: _____ located in the Presbytery of _____
name of church

Church Address: _____
Address City State Zip

Pastor's Name Printed: _____
First Last

Pastor's Signature: _____

SECTION II: ALL APPLICANTS

Please type or print a brief narrative (500 words maximum) below or on a separate attachment and indicate your commitment to use your education to enhance involvement in and leadership of your church's mission. If there are any special circumstances regarding family health, economic conditions or other problems which have added stress to your present financial situation, please include in a separate paragraph.

Applicant's Name _____

SECTION III: ALL APPLICANTS

High School: _____ High School Graduation Year: _____

Enrolled or Prospective College/Institution: _____

SECTION IV: CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENTS ONLY

Name of College/Institution: _____

Address: _____
CITY STATE ZIP

College year for Fall 2010: 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ 5th _____

Current GPA: _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____
Month/Year

Financial Aid Officer: _____ Phone: _____
First Name Last Name

Do you plan to transfer? Yes No If yes, when? _____ To what college/institution? _____
Month/Year

SECTION V: ALL APPLICANTS

PA Residents: Applying for PHEAA grant? ___Yes ___No PHEAA loan? ___Yes ___No
 WV Residents: Applying for WV grant? ___Yes ___No WV loan? ___Yes ___No
 OH residents: Applying for OH grant? ___Yes ___No OH loan? ___Yes ___No

Anticipated Resources for Fall and Spring 2010-2011

Scholarships, Financial Aid and/or Grants which you **ANTICIPATE** receiving – to include any financial aid grants, college scholarships, outside scholarships, earnings

	Amount for Year
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Summer Employment: _____	\$ _____
College Employment: _____	\$ _____
Savings: _____	\$ _____
Family Assistance: _____	\$ _____
Other sources ie: Social Security, Veterans Benefits, etc: _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
<u>Total of all Anticipated Resources:</u>	\$ _____

Summary of Applicant's Educational Loans:

From year to year	Amount for year	Source of Loan ie: Bank, Credit Union, Company, etc.
Years: _____	\$ _____	from: _____
Years: _____	\$ _____	from: _____
Years: _____	\$ _____	from: _____
Years: _____	\$ _____	from: _____

SECTION VI: ALL APPLICANTS

I declare that all of the answers on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I agree to promptly notify the Synod of the Trinity Scholarship Office if I receive any other aid not recorded here.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

In Addition to all Previous Pages, sections A and B must be completed if applying for:

The Rusch-Shepard Memorial Scholarship (RSMS):

Because of the vision of Dr. William G. Rusch, and Thomas and Lula Shepard, this memorial scholarship was established to assist with the college education for children of minimally salaried Presbyterian Church (USA) clergy serving within the Synod of the Trinity. It was their belief that these clergy serve in special ways, and they serve without counting the cost to themselves or their families. This award to their children is to assist and honor these ministers and their families, and to show gratitude for their commitment to ministry and congregations across the Synod of the Trinity. This memorial scholarship combines these two special funds:

The Scholarship Fund for Children of Minimum-Salaried Clergy serving in the Synod of the Trinity is an endowment fund of the Synod. Dr. William G. Rusch was Synod Executive from 1972 until 1987. The fund is made available through the generous support of family and friends of William Rusch.

The Shepard Memorial Fund is also an endowment fund in memory of Thomas and Lula M. Shepard, specifying awards to children of minimally salaried Presbyterian Church (USA) pastors serving within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

SECTION A: CLERGY PARENT COMPLETES

Applicant's Name: _____
First MI Last Name

Clergy Parent's Name: _____
First MI Last Name

Clergy Parent's Address: _____
Address City State Zip

Clergy Parent's Church Name: _____
Presbytery:

Church Address: _____
Address City State Zip

Church Phone: _____
Area Code?

How long have you occupied your present pastorate? _____ years

What was your total income for each of the past two years?

<u>Year</u>	<u>Effective Salary</u>	<u>Housing Allowance</u>	<u>Utilities</u>
2007:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2008:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2009 Anticipated:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

List dependents:

Name	Relationship	Age	In College in 2010-2011? Y or N

Are there any special circumstances regarding family health, economic conditions or other problems which have added stress to your present financial situation? Please explain: _____

I declare that all of the answers on this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.
Clergy Parent's Signature: _____ Date _____

SECTION B: PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE COMPLETES

Please attest that the above clergy parent receives the current Presbytery minimum salary or less:

Presbytery's Minimum Salary: \$ _____

Print Name of Presbytery Executive: _____
First Name MI Last Name

Presbytery Executive's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Have questions? Contact Marcia R. Humer

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**Financial Aid Release Form
2010 - 2011**



**The Synod of the Trinity Scholarship Program
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Deadline: April 30, 2010

Applicant: Sign and give to your Financial Aid Office along with our Financial Aid form. This signed form grants permission to release the necessary financial information to the Synod of the Trinity's Grants and Scholarship Committee. **This form is required to be in your financial aid file at college.**

I authorize a Financial Aid Officer of _____
College/Institution

to release my Financial Aid Form and additional information as is necessary to the Grants and

Scholarship Committee of the Synod of the Trinity, Presbyterian Church (USA). All information is

private and confidential. This information will assist the Committee in determining grant or scholarship

consideration on my behalf.

Print Applicant's Name: _____
Last First MI

Applicant's signature: _____

Applicant's Social Security number: _____

Date: _____

Submit with financial aid form to your college

Questions?

Contact: Marcia Humer
Email: mhumer@syntrinity.org or scholarships@syntrinity.org
Phone: 800-242-0534 ext. 233



Financial Aid Form 2010 – 2011



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Synod of the Trinity's Deadline: April 30, 2010

Applicant: Print this section only and forward with signed release to Financial Aid Office

Print Name: _____ SS # _____
Last First MI

Permanent Address _____
Address City State Zip

College/University: _____

Financial Aid Officer: The student listed above has applied for scholarship assistance from the Synod of the Trinity, Presbyterian Church (USA). It is the student's responsibility to have a signed release form on file in your office. Your help is essential in analyzing the student's financial need by completing our Financial Aid Form.

SECTION BELOW TO BE COMPLETED ONLY BY FINANCIAL AID OFFICER

Class year for Fall 2010: 1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ 4th _____ 5th _____

Student Status: Dependent _____ Independent _____ **Housing:** campus _____ off campus _____ Independent commuter _____

Will student be enrolled full time in 2010-2011? Yes _____ No _____ (24 credits per year are necessary to qualify)

Have you received the signed release form from the student? _____ Yes _____ No _____

Has the college student made Satisfactory Academic Progress as defined by your institution as of this date? Yes No

ANNUAL COSTS FOR 2010-2011:
 Source used to determine eligibility:
 FAFSA _____ Other (specify) _____
 Estimated _____ Actual _____

Tuition & Fees \$ _____
 Room & Board \$ _____
 Books & Incidentals \$ _____
 Travel Allowance \$ _____
Total Expenses: \$ _____

FINANCIAL AID: Estimated _____ Established _____

College Aid \$ _____
 PELL \$ _____
 State Aid \$ _____
 SEOG \$ _____
 Stafford \$ _____
 Perkins \$ _____
 Co-Op Work-Study \$ _____
 Other Grants \$ _____
 _____ \$ _____

Total Financial Aid: \$ _____
EFC: \$ _____
Total Aid: \$ _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

FAMILY PROFILE:
 Total in family: _____
 Total in college fulltime: _____

ESTIMATED FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS:
 Parents' (Guardian's) Total Contribution: \$ _____
 Student's Contribution: \$ _____
Total EFC: \$ _____

FAMILY'S INCOME
 Parents' Total Income: \$ _____
 Student's Total Income: \$ _____
Total Family Income: \$ _____

Student's Cumulative Educational Debt to date: \$ _____

Student's Unmet Need for 2010-2011: \$ _____

Student's name _____ Social Security _____

This certifies that the information above reflects data currently on file at _____
College/Institution
and is correct as of this date. It is understood that grants and loans for 2010-2011 may not be firm. Any estimate or actual profile of financial aid to the student will help in the analysis of the student's financial need.

Financial Aid Officer: _____

College/Institution's Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Signature: _____ Date _____

We sincerely appreciate your time in completing this form.
Please affix seal and return to:

The Synod of the Trinity
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Postmark Deadline: April 30, 2010

The student will be notified of the Grants and Scholarship Review Committee's decision in late June. It is the student's responsibility to notify your office.

Award checks are mailed directly to the Financial Aid Office in late August.

Questions?

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

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Deadline: April 30, 2010

All Applicants: Print this section and give to recommender. If in college, recommender must be a current professor. If in high school, recommender must be a current teacher or your guidance counselor.

Your Name: _____ SS#: _____
Last First MI

CURRENT PROFESSOR'S/COUNSELOR'S NAME: _____
First MI Last

CURRENT TEACHER/COUNSELOR/ PROFESSOR:

Candid evaluations are essential in choosing students to receive our scholarships. We are interested in what you think is important about the applicant's academic and personal qualifications. Please complete and return to the student for submission OR mail directly to The Synod of the Trinity, Scholarship Program, 3040 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011-4599. It MUST be postmarked no later than April 30, 2010 to be considered. We are grateful for your assistance.

Name: _____
First MI Last

Teaching/Counselor Position: _____ at _____ College/High School

Address: _____ Phone or email: _____
Street City State Zip

Signature: _____

1. How long have you known this student academically? _____

2. Please rate the applicant:

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Outstanding	Not known
Motivation					
Potential for growth					
Work ethic					
Moral character					
Involvement					

3. Written Evaluation: Write a brief and candid recommendation including any special talents, academic achievements, enthusiasm, and/or leadership potential that you would like to share with the Scholarship Committee. It can be a separate document or written on back of this form.

Deadline: Postmarked by April 30, 2010.

CONFIDENTIALITY

We value your comments and ask that you complete this form with the knowledge that it will be retained in the student's files at the Synod of the Trinity Office, Scholarship Program, 3040 Market Street, Camp Hill, PA 17011-4599.

This form will be kept in strictest confidence and only the committee and staff will have access to it. Call Marcia Humer with any concerns at 800-242-0534 ext 233 or email at mhumer@syntrinity.org.



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The awarded scholarship is non-transferable and is forfeited should the student change his/her college after the award is announced or transfers during the academic year.

- Signed Application Form
- Narrative/Essay
- Verification by pastor of Membership and/or Activities in your Presbyterian Church (USA)
- Verification by Clergy parent and Executive Presbyter (Rusch-Shepard applicants)
- Financial Aid Release Form - submitted to college's financial aid office by student
- Financial Aid Form - submitted to college's financial aid office by student
- Letter of Recommendation from **Current Professor or Current High School Teacher/Counselor**
- Photocopy of valid Green Card if permanent resident

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

All Students:

- Inquire about work-study programs at college
- Ask your college's financial aid office about departmental grants and/or scholarships
- Additional Financial aid websites to explore:
 - FinAid!: www.finaid.com
 - College is Possible: www.collegeispossible.org
 - College Board OnLine: <http://www.collegeboard.com/pay/>

Presbyterian students:

Financial aid scholarships and loans may be available by contacting:

- Your church
- Your Presbytery
- Presbyterian Church (USA)
 - The Office of Financial Aid for Studies
 - 100 Witherspoon St.
 - Louisville, KY 40202
 - 888-728-7228 ext. 5776
 - <http://www.pcusa.org/financialaid/scholarships.htm>