



# The Synod of the Trinity

Presbyterian Church (USA)

3040 Market Street

Camp Hill, PA 17011- 4599



## 2012-2013 Undergraduate Educational Scholarship Program

As an expression of Christian concern for the nurture of students, the Synod of the Trinity, Presbyterian Church (USA), has three types of scholarship grants available for full-time student residing within the Synod's boundaries. This particular ministry is motivated by a historic and ongoing concern for the full-time education of both Racial Ethnic and Presbyterian students who endeavor to continue their education beyond the secondary level.

### Racial Ethnic Educational Scholarship (REES)

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| ➤ Provides grant for attendance at any accredited college, university or vocational institution  |
| ➤ Requires ethnicity: African American, Asian, Middle Eastern, Hispanic, Latino, Native American |
| ➤ Requires student's permanent address to be within the bounds of the Synod*                     |

### Synod of the Trinity Educational Scholarship (STES)

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| ➤ Provides grant for attendance at any accredited college, university or vocational institution             |
| ➤ Requires verification of church membership or involvement in a Presbyterian Church (USA) within the Synod |
| ➤ Requires student's permanent address to be within the bounds of the Synod*                                |

### Rusch-Shepard Memorial Scholarship (RSMS)

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| ➤ Provides grant for attendance at any accredited college, university or vocational institution |
| ➤ Requires verification of clergy parent's salary   |
| ➤ Requires student's permanent address to be within the bounds of the Synod*                    |

### Criteria for all Applicants

\*Live within the bounds of the Synod (College address is not accepted as permanent residency):

- ✓ 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

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 or vocational institution. Our 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, Native American
- 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

## General Information

- Applications are reviewed only after all documents have been received or postmarked by April 30, 2012. 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. Financial need based on a combination of applicant's 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 decreases for 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.
- Applicant must be enrolled in a minimum of 24 credit hours per academic year (summer school not included).
- Applicant must be in satisfactory academic standing as defined by his/her college or institution.
- Applicant must be a working towards his/her first degree.
- Applicant is required to notify the Synod office of changes & additions to his/her application or forfeit the award including scholarships & grants awarded after the application has been submitted.
- Applicant is notified only after a decision is made in early July and is responsible for notifying his/her college.
- A check will be made payable to the college and mailed to the college in late August.
- The scholarship is non-transferable and forfeited if the student changes his/her college after awards are announced or transfers during the academic year.
- Applicant must apply each academic year – scholarships are not renewable.
- The application is confidential and becomes the property of the Synod of the Trinity.

### Suggestions:

1. Make copies of all application material.
2. Confirm that all required materials are postmarked by April 30, 2012.
3. Complete application in full - incomplete applications will not be processed/reviewed.

**Deadline: April 30, 2012**

Questions? Contact Marcia Humer

Email: [mhumer@syntrinity.org](mailto:mhumer@syntrinity.org) or [scholarships@syntrinity.org](mailto:scholarships@syntrinity.org)

Phone: 800-242-0534 ext. 233

Website: [www.syntrinity.org](http://www.syntrinity.org)



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## 2012-2013 Undergraduate Application

You may apply for all 3 scholarships but only ONE award will be granted.

### Racial Ethnic Educational Scholarship (REES):

African-American       Latino       Native American  
 Asian       Middle Eastern       Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hispanic

### Synod of the Trinity Educational Scholarship (STES):

Member of a Presbyterian Church (USA)  
 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 received a Synod scholarship? Yes  No

If yes, what 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 a copy of your Green Card

### Dependent Applicant:

Name of Parents or Guardians with whom you reside:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father/Guardian's First Name Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mother/Guardian's First Name Last Name

Number in Family (including parents): \_\_\_\_\_ Number in college full time in 2012-2013: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**2011 Adjusted Gross Income:** Father/Guardian: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mother/Guardian: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If filed jointly, the combined 2011 Adjusted Gross Income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_





**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 2012 and Spring 2013**

Please list all financial aid which you ***might be*** receiving including Federal & State grants, scholarships and/or grant, earnings, savings, etc.

	Amount for Year
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Summer Employment: _____	\$ _____
College Employment: _____	\$ _____
Savings: _____	\$ _____
Family Assistance: _____	\$ _____
Other sources ie: Social Security, Veterans Benefits, etc: _____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

**Total of all Anticipated Resources for 2012-2013:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of Applicant's Educational Loans to date:**

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 when 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>
2010:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2011:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
2012 Anticipated:	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____

List dependents:

Name	Relationship	Age	In College during 2012- 2013? Y or N

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Are there 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  
2012 - 2013**



**The Synod of the Trinity Scholarship Program  
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**Deadline: April 30, 2012**

**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 Scholarships Committee, Synod of the Trinity, PC (USA). All information is private and confidential. This information will assist the Committee in determining grant or scholarship consideration on my behalf.

Applicant's Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Social Security number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Submit this signed form with our financial aid form to your college.

**Questions?**  
Contact: Marcia Humer  
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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 2012- 2013 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 print): \_\_\_\_\_

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 mail directly to by postmarked deadline of April 30, 2012:

The Synod of the Trinity  
Scholarship Program  
3040 Market Street  
Camp Hill, PA 17011

Postmark Deadline: April 30, 2012

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?  
Contact: Marcia Humer  
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# RECOMMENDATION FORM

The Synod of the Trinity Educational Scholarship  
The Racial Ethnic Educational Scholarship  
The Rusch-Shepard Memorial Scholarship



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**Deadline: April 30, 2012**

**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, 2012 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
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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 the back of this form.

**Deadline: Postmark date of April 30, 2012.**

### **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](mailto:mhumer@syntrinity.org).





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All information must be received in the Synod office postmarked no later than April 30, 2012. **The applicant is responsible to see that all materials are received.** The application will be disqualified if materials are missing or if the application is incompletely filled out.

The applicant will be notified in early July of the committee's decision. It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office of an award. The scholarship check is mailed directly to the college in late August.

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 PC(USA)  
(*Synod of the Trinity Educational Scholarship applicants*)
- \_\_\_ 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
- \_\_\_ Recommendation Form & Evaluation from **Current Professor or Current High School Teacher/Counselor**
- \_\_\_ Photocopy of valid Green Card (*if a 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](http://www.finaid.com)
  - College is Possible: [www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org)
  - College Board OnLine: <http://www.collegeboard.com/pay/>

### Presbyterian students:

Financial aid scholarships and loans may also be available by contacting:

- Your church
- Your Presbytery's Office
- Presbyterian Church (USA) Financial Aid for Studies Office
  - Phone: 888-728-7228 ext. 5735
  - Email: [finaid@pcusa.org](mailto:finaid@pcusa.org)
  - Website: <http://www.pcusa.org/financialaid/scholarships.htm>