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Thank you for your interest in applying for financial aid from the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Foundation. The primary purpose of the scholarship program is to encourage a strong and continuing dedication toward theological study. Synod scholarships are awarded annually to cover one scholastic year, and an applicant may apply for scholarship aid for up to three years of study while in a Master of Divinity program at a Presbyterian or Presbyterian related seminary.

The following criteria must be met by each applicant:

- 1) You must be a member of a Presbyterian Church (USA) within the four state region of the Synod of the Sun (Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas).
- 2) You must be an Inquirer or Candidate under the care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (COPM) in your presbytery.
- 3) You should be planning to serve within the Presbyterian Church (USA) following graduation.
- 4) You will be a full-time student in the Master of Divinity (MDiv) program at a Presbyterian or Presbyterian related (by covenant) theological school.

To be considered for a scholarship, you must prepare and submit all of the components listed on the attached page no later than January 15, 2024. All required components must be received at the Synod of the Sun, 6100 Colwell Blvd., Suite 200, Irving, TX 75039 by January 15, 2024

Scholarships are awarded based on merit and relative need. Previous scholastic performance is also an important component of the committee's evaluation. We urge you to honor our request that all components of your application packet be received in the Synod office by the January 15, 2024 deadline. This will facilitate the timely review of your application and expedite the awarding of scholarships.

Applications will be reviewed in the Spring of 2024 and annual awards will be announced in advance of the fall term.

Sincerely,

Grants and Scholarship Commission
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*If you meet all of the criteria for scholarship eligibility listed in the cover letter,
the following components comprise the application process.*

All components must be received at the Synod office by January 15, 2024.

- A completed Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Foundation Scholarship Application
Go to synodsun.org/scholarship-application.
- A COPM certification letter.
- The Pastor Reference form.
If you received a Synod scholarship last year, you need not submit this component.
- An official transcript of your scholastic achievement.
Current students should submit a transcript complete through the Fall 2022 semester. First-time applicants should submit their most-recent scholastic transcript.
- A one-page statement explaining your understanding of your call to the ministry and how you see yourself serving the Church upon graduation.
If you received a Synod of the Sun Foundation Scholarship last year, your statement should address how this past year at seminary has further clarified the direction of your call.