

Cherokee Presbytery Candidates Aid Fund Application Guidelines

The Candidates Aid Fund (Hoyt and Garrett Funds) are available for to support expenses related to preparing for formal ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), including educational expenses, vocational assessment tools, ordination exam fees, and similar expenses.

Eligibility - Recipients must meet the following criteria:

- Active member of a PC(USA) congregation in Cherokee Presbytery
- Enrolled in an educational program for the purpose of engaging in ministry service, including:
 - M.Div., M.A.C.E. or similar degree-seeking program at an accredited educational institution. M.Div. students ordinarily should also be pursuing ordination.
 - Educator pursuing certification as a Christian Educator in the PC(USA)
 - Ruling Elder engaged in preparation to serve as a Commissioned Ruling Elder
 - Other similar pursuits as appropriate, approved by the Building Leaders Team.

Award Amount:

Candidates may apply for up to \$1,000 per 12-month period.

Renewal:

Recipients may reapply for the award so long as they are currently enrolled in a qualifying educational program and making satisfactory progress. Total cumulative amount awarded to each candidate shall not exceed \$5,000.

Disbursement:

Checks will be made to the individual or the educational institution or program where they are enrolled. Individuals may be asked to provide receipts and verification of how funds were spent. Should an individual withdraw from their educational program for which the award was given, it is expected that the individual will return those funds to the Presbytery or submit an amended "Award Request" to the BLT for consideration of alternate plans.

Application:

Applicants should complete the attached application form and submit to the presbytery office. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling schedule by the Building Leaders Team within 60 days of submission. Additional documentation may be requested to support requests.

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Personal Information

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone: (Circle: Cell/Home/Work/Other) _____

E-mail Address: _____

Ecclesial Information

Home Church _____ Date joined: _____

If pursuing ordination, what is your Presbytery status? _____ Inquirer _____ Candidate

Educational Information

Name of Seminary/Institution/Program _____

Address: _____

Degree or Certification Pursued: _____

Expected Completion Date: _____

Award Request

Amount Requested: _____ for the Academic Year _____

Disbursement to be sent to: (candidate or educational institution/program)

In one - two paragraphs on a separate page, describe how you intend to use this award to further your preparation for ministry along with a breakdown of anticipated expenses.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Date Reviewed by BLT: _____

Amount Awarded: _____

Date of Award Distribution: _____

Signature of BLT Chair: _____