

# Student Study Grant

*A grant committed to education and a theology of vocation*

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*The ministry of the Synod of the Trinity is guided by our ends.*

*Key to Student Study Grants are two of our secondary ends:*

*“Nurturing relationships within the larger church for the purpose of greater witness”  
and “Fostering conversation and action for the promotion of social righteousness.”*



## Grant Description

The Synod of the Trinity's Undergraduate and Graduate scholarship funding is a response to our Reformed tradition's commitment to education and to its theology of vocation. Briefly stated, our tradition values knowledge of self, others and the world as integral to gaining knowledge of God. Thus, commitment to education lies at the core of our affirmations and efforts. Moreover, such integrated knowledge enables each of us to grasp the calling, the vocation which God invites us to embrace. To paraphrase Frederick Buechner, *we individually discover God's calling when our heart's deepest gladness intersects with meeting a profound need of the world.* These action/reflection grants are intended to reflect this theological understanding of education and discovery.

1. Grants are available to:
  - a. *Undergraduate students* who are members of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations **within the bounds of the Synod of the Trinity.**
  - b. *Graduate students* who are members of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations within the bounds of the Synod of the Trinity and are preparing for church-related vocations at an accredited seminary.
2. Due to certain fund restrictions used for these grants, special consideration for portions of the funds available will be given to:
  - a. Seminary students residing in Pennsylvania (relates to a portion of the graduate student funding)
  - b. Children of minimally salaried clergy (relates to undergraduate funding)
3. Primary consideration will be given to group experiences provided by an accredited Reformed seminary, PC(USA) related college or university, PC(USA) campus ministry program, or those led by a leader with an understanding of Reformed theology.



## DEADLINE FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

**May 1: Funding decision will be made by June 1**

**June 1: Funding decision will be made by July 1**

**November 1: Funding decision will be made by December 1**

# SYNOD STUDENT STUDY GRANT

## APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this on-screen fillable form by downloading it to your desktop. When completed, print the form, sign where designated, then mail to the Synod of the Trinity. You are encouraged to contact Chantal Atnip or Susan Wonderland at 717-737-0421 if you have questions.

For Office Use Only:		
Date Received	_____	
Date Reviewed	_____	
Date Notification	_____	
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## GRANT APPLICANT’S INFORMATION

Applicant's First and Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
Email Address _____	Home Phone _____	Cell Phone _____	
School _____	Degree _____	Projected Graduation Date _____	
GRANT APPLICATION TYPE - Check One	Undergraduate Funding _____	Graduate Funding _____	

## AFFILIATION INFORMATION

Name of your PC(USA) Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of your PC(USA) Presbytery \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDY EXPERIENCE INFORMATION

Name of Experience \_\_\_\_\_

Location _____	Start Date _____	Finish Date _____
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Name of Sponsoring Institution or Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader’s Name/Title _____	Email _____	Phone _____
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Address: Street _____	City _____	State _____	Zip _____
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Leader’s Church, Denomination or Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Leader’s Role: Please Choose One      Paid Member or Staff      Volunteer

Please describe in detail the nature of the experience and the reflection that will be taking place before, during and after the experience. The applicant may need to contact the leader to get information about the reflection. Because these grants are intended to support students in theological reflection that is compatible with a Reformed perspective, the Synod of the Trinity reserves the right to contact the sponsoring organization or the leader to find out additional information regarding the nature of the experience and reflection.

## APPLICANT'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please list the name and address of the organization to which the check should be mailed.

**THE CHECK CANNOT BE MADE OUT TO AN INDIVIDUAL. IT MUST BE MADE OUT AND MAILED TO AN ORGANIZATION.**

Organization Name

Street or P.O. Box

City

State

Zip

As the requesting party (applicant), please list for us how this study experience is being funded. Then list the total cost to participate in the experience. If you fill in on screen, the boxes will automatically calculate and provide the totals.

## CONTRIBUTIONS

Total Participant's Contribution  
Total Loan and Scholarship Contribution  
Total Congregational Contribution  
Total Presbytery Contribution  
Total Other Contributions - List Specifics

### TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

## EXPENSES

Total Travel Expenses  
Total Lodging Expenses  
Total Meal Expenses  
Total Other Expenses - List Specifics  
Total Other Expenses - List Specifics

### TOTAL EXPENSES

### TOTAL GRANT REQUESTED

**This portion of the application is to be filled out ONLY if you are applying for funding available to children of minimally paid PC(USA) clergy. If both parents are minimally paid PC(USA) clergy, list both names and provide both signatures. Your presbytery executive must sign and date this portion to attest to this fact. IF YOU ARE NOT IN THIS CATEGORY, PLEASE SKIP TO THE NEXT PAGE.**

Name of Clergy Parent(s)

Signature of Clergy Parent(s)

Presbytery's Current Minimum Clergy Salary

**Presbytery Executive:** Please attest, with your signature, that the above clergy parent(s) currently receive the presbytery's minimum salary or less.

Executive Presbyter Name

Signature

Date

## **APPLICANT'S NARRATIVE**

In 200 words or less, please answer the following questions. Attach additional sheets if necessary while keeping within the 200-word maximum for each entry.

1. Tell us how you anticipate that this experience will deepen your faith and help you discern God's call in your life and future vocation.

2. What question would you like us to ask you when you return from your experience and why?

3. Tell us how you plan to share this experience with your home church congregation, your community, your presbytery and your Synod.

## REQUIRED SIGNATURES

This application must be reviewed by your church and presbytery. Signatures of the church's clerk of session and the presbytery's executive presbyter or stated clerk must be obtained as verification that these reviews have occurred.

Name of your PC(USA) Church

Date Reviewed

Name Clerk of Session

Signature

Name of Presbytery

Date Reviewed

Name & Title

Signature

Executive Presbyter or Stated Clerk

## APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

I attest that the information in this application is correct and reflects accurately my plans regarding this study grant. I agree to share the experience and its personal and spiritual impact with members of my congregation, my presbytery and the Synod of the Trinity at least in writing and in person when possible.

Applicant's Signature

Date Signed

## POST-EXPERIENCE EVALUATION QUESTIONS

The Synod of the Trinity would like a review of your experience at the conclusion of your project, but no later than six months after receiving the grant. Please submit your answers to these questions to Chantal Atnip at [treasurer@syntrinity.org](mailto:treasurer@syntrinity.org). **A \$50 Amazon Gift Card will be awarded to you upon receipt of your response.**

1. This grant has been primarily identified as a response to two of the Synod's Secondary Ends: *"Nurturing relationships within the larger church for the purpose of greater witness"* and *"Fostering conversation and action for the promotion of social righteousness."*

In what way did this experience either nurture relationships within the greater church or promote social righteousness?

2. What impact has this experience had on your vocational discernment?
3. Please answer the question you wanted to be asked upon your return (page 5).
4. How did you or will you share your project and learnings with your home church, your community, your presbytery and your synod? Do you need assistance with this?