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Synod of the Sun Scholarships

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Any Presbyterian within the synod may apply for a scholarship. Grants are for *individuals* within the Synod of the Sun who meet the criteria for assistance within the specified purposes of the funds.

In addition to these Scholarships for *individuals*, Mission Grant applications for congregations, presbyteries or other *organizations* within the Synod of the Sun are also available from the synod office. Please request the application for a "Synod of the Sun Mission Grant." If a scholarship has a current balance of zero, it may be replenished in the future by interest earned on endowments, by other synod funds or by donations.

Reference	Name of Fund	Purpose and Source	Criteria	Application Deadlines	Currently Available
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Preparation for Ministry

33540	Seminary Scholarship Fund	Scholarships for PC(USA) seminary courses. Source: endowment and synod reserves.	Teaching or Ruling Elders, Candidates and Inquirers under care, or upon recommendation of presbytery of membership within the synod. Maximum Grant: 75% of course cost.	Applications received at any time	\$27,025.06
12220, 12221	Hispanic Latino Student Fund (MAPPA)	Scholarships for Hispanic Latino students preparing for ministry. Source: Women of the Church Birthday Offering and unrestricted	Hispanic Latino students preparing for ministry who are members of churches within the synod.	June 15	\$36,420.85

Racial Ethnic Ministries

12218, 12219	Hispanic Latino Continuing Education Fund (MACC)	Church related continuing education for Hispanic Latino pastors and lay leaders. Maximum grant: \$1,000. Source: Unrestricted reserves.	Hispanic Latino pastors and lay leaders from churches within the synod.	Applications received at any time.	\$37,044.22
33675	Multicultural Youth	Multicultural Youth Conference at Mo Ranch. Maximum grant: \$200. Source: Unrestricted reserves.	Racial ethnic youth from churches within the synod.	June 15	\$1,504.40

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Other Ministries

33541	Volunteers in Mission	Assistance for participants in the Volunteers in Mission program. Source: donations and unrestricted reserves.	Members of churches, presbyteries or institutions in covenant relationship with the synod.	Applications received at any time.	\$11,689.42
33621	Small Church Pastors	Scholarships for the Small Church Pastor Retreat at Mo Ranch. Maximum grant: \$200. Source: Unrestricted reserves.	Pastors of churches within the synod with less than 150 members.	September 15	\$0.00
33542	Educational Programs	Scholarships for educational programs. Maximum grant: \$300. Source: Endowment.	Members of churches and presbyteries within the synod.	Applications received at any time.	\$1,101.29
33673	Rural Church Doctor of Ministry	Scholarships for the Doctor of Ministry program at Austin Seminary. Maximum grant: \$500. Source: Foundation and unrestricted reserves.	Pastors of churches within the synod serving in rural contexts.	Applications received at any time. (See separate application form.)	\$14,643.55
12225, 12226	Albert Crisp Scholarship for Orphans	Scholarships for college and career training for orphans. Maximum grant: \$500. Source: Endowment.	Orphans within the synod who are under 25 years old.	Applications received at any time.	\$22,473.92
33900	SYW Scholarship - SOS	Synod Youth Workshop Youth or Adult sponsor. Maximum grant: \$100 Source: budget	reference given to first time youth participant and/or sponsor	July 1	\$3,600.00

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Scholarship Guidelines

The Grant Committee is authorized to make final decisions concerning applications between meetings of the synod. All approved grants & scholarships will be reported to the next meeting of the synod.

NOTE: Scholarships from the Synod of the Sun Presbyterian Foundation for MDiv study (Reference: SOSPF) and the Rural Church Doctor of Ministry Program at Austin Seminary (Reference: 33673) have **separate** application forms. Please visit the synod website for the appropriate form.

1. **Parameters:** Each application is reviewed in light of the fact that the synod includes four states, eleven presbyteries, numerous institutions, and a diversity of members. The distribution of funds will reflect this diversity of needs and geography as much as possible.
2. **Criteria:** Some grants are from endowments or other funding sources which limit the beneficiaries with categories of age, ethnic background, status as an orphan, size of church, etc.
3. **Procedures:** Applications submitted in a calendar quarter will normally be reviewed the month following that quarter's end. Notification and remittance will be within 60 days. Applications for scholarships with deadlines will not be considered if submitted late.
4. **Remittance:** Scholarships will not be remitted directly to the applicant. Instead, grants will be remitted to the college, seminary, continuing education event, career training provider, or sponsoring organization (such as Austin Seminary or Mo Ranch).
5. **Evaluation:** An evaluation must be sent to the synod within 30 days after the purpose of the scholarship is fulfilled. It will indicate to what extent the goals and purposes of the grant were met.
6. **Endorsement:** Every application should be endorsed by a session, presbytery, institution, multicultural endeavor (or committee of these organizations) within the synod. Some require a letter of recommendation from presbytery of membership.
7. **Acknowledgement:** Wherever these grants are mentioned in a report, brochure, financial statement or budget, acknowledgement must be noted as follows: "A grant from the Synod of the Sun."

Online Applications: applications are accepted only through online submission. Visit synodsun.com to complete the online application.

Please gather all of the information listed below prior to starting the online process. Partial applications will not be considered.

Applicant's Information

1. Name
2. Address, state, zip
3. Daytime telephone
4. Home telephone
5. Cell phone
6. Email address
7. Date of birth
8. Relationship to synod (member of a church, presbytery or synod-related organization)

General Information

9. How will the grant be used?
10. What are the goals, supervision, and accountability for this grant?
11. What vital need or opportunity will be addressed by this grant?
12. How do you meet the criteria for this grant?
13. Amount of funds available from other sources of funding.
List all the following: (a) continuing education allowance,
(b) congregational assistance,
(c) denominational assistance,
(d) other grants or scholarships, and
(e) personal funds used.
14. Any other information relevant to this application.

Information about this Scholarship or Grant

15. Name of fund and Reference Number (see pages 1-2)
16. Amount of money requested
17. Date money is needed

Information about the Endorsing Session, Presbytery, or Other Synod-Related Organization

18. Name of endorsing organization(s)
19. Name of responsible officer(s)
20. Telephone number(s) of responsible officer(s)