

Philip Graber Scholarship Fund

The Philip Graber Scholarship Fund was established by the members of Grace Presbyterian Church as a way to celebrate the life of Philip Graber, one of the first members of Grace to follow God's call to become a Minister of the Word and Sacrament. The scholarship fund is a program for those who have experienced God's call to a leadership ministry in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Primary Preference will be given to members of Grace Presbyterian Church. Other applicants having a direct connection to Grace Presbyterian Church may also be considered for the award. The program is designed to help support those seeking an advanced degree that would lead to ordination as Minister of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or a leadership position in Christian Education or Church Music.

The scholarship will be awarded based on scholarship, demonstrated potential, sincere commitment and financial need

The scholarship should be applied to tuition however with the permission of the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church, the scholarship may be applied to books, fees, and living expenses. As Grace Presbyterian Church affirms the Reformed Tradition the award will be influenced by choice of educational institution. The award will be no more than \$1000 per applicant per year.

Eligibility. The successful applicant must:

- Possess a personal and vibrant commitment to Jesus Christ
- Be accepted or enrolled in seminary or pursuing an advanced degree program in Christian Education or similar program in church music and
- Taking at least half the full-time student course load in an accredited program.

Application Process

- Interested applicants should contact the Grace Presbyterian office for an official application, complete the application and return it by mail to the church office.
- Applications must be returned by at least 90 days prior to enrollment, the beginning of the semester or the anniversary of the award.
- Consideration of applications will begin on May 31 and October 1 of each year
- A task force appointed by the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church will review all applications and select the recipients.
- The Session will give final approval of the recipients and award amounts.
- The applicants will be notified by a member of the Session of Grace Presbyterian Church

Philip Graber Memorial Scholarship Application form

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:

Postal Address:

Telephone Number:

Cell phone Number:

Email:

Are you now or have you been a member of Grace Presbyterian Church?

Member from: to:

EDUCATION

College or University:

Date of Graduation:

Major:

GPA:

Awards and Honors:

WORK EXPERIENCE

Briefly discuss your work experience since your graduation.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Briefly discuss meaningful volunteer experiences and what you have learned through those experiences.

GRADUATE ENROLLMENT

I am accepted/enrolled in a seminary program at

Degree Program:

Expected Graduation:

Care Status:

I am a Candidate Inquirer in Presbytery

I am enrolled in a graduate program in Christian Education/Church Music at

Degree Program:

Expected Graduation:

I am enrolled in a certification program in Christian Education/Church Music at

Degree Program:

Expected Graduation:

REFERENCES

Please provide three references (name/phone number/relationship to the applicant). It is recommended that at least one reference be a current member of Grace Presbyterian Church.

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- 3.

YOUR FAITH STORY

Tell us about your growing relationship with God on your personal faith journey. Include any information that would help the selection committee know more about you and your faith.

YOUR CALL TO MINISTRY

Tell us about your sense of call. How do you see yourself ministering in a local church and/or in the wider arena of the Presbyterian Church (USA)?

YOUR SERVICE TO THE CHURCH

In what ways have you been active in the church?

I have answered each question truthfully and have read the conditions of the scholarship. I grant permission to the members of the Task Force to contact my references as a part of the application process and I agree to be bound by the conditions of the award.

Date: _____ Signature: _____