



The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Update on Scholarships and Grants

Synod of the Covenant Assembly 12/4/20

From Charles B Hardwick, on behalf of the Grants Committee

Higher Education Scholarships

- 52 students were awarded scholarships: 39 bachelor degrees, 6 associate degrees, 1 vocational degree, 2 other degrees, and 4 theology scholarships.
- 61 applications were received; 9 applicants did not receive scholarships because they did not meet criteria or because their applications were not complete.
- Scholarships ranged from \$350-\$1500. Awards were communicated and distributed by 10/30/20.
- Awards were available for full-time and part-time study toward the first baccalaureate degree or certification at colleges, universities, and vocational schools, and toward first masters degree programs for church vocations.

COVID Emergency Need Grants for Higher Education Students

- To date, 9 of the 10 applicants received have been awarded grants up to \$500. The one applicant who did not receive a grant did not meet the criteria or had an incomplete application.
- Applications are due by 12/4/20. As of 11/30/20, we have received 2 additional applications.
- Awards up to \$500 and are available to those who qualify for Higher Education Scholarships and who have emergency financial need due to the pandemic.

Racial Ethnic Grants

- Five awardees (of 12 applications) learned on 11/30/20 that they received \$2,500 or \$5,000.
- Awards <\$5000 to predominantly Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) congregations to supplement their mission. Deadline extended to 10/31/20; funds distributed 11/30/20.

New Covenant Grants

- Eight awardees (of 19 applications) learned on 11/30/20 that they received between \$1,800 & \$5,000.
- Awards up to \$5000 for congregations, institutions, and organizations associated with the PC(USA) working to address congregational development and transformation; multicultural and justice ministries; and ministries in higher education. Deadline 9/30/20; funds distributed 11/30/20.