SEATTLE PRESBYTERY

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Seattle Presbyterian BIPOC Scholarship Program

APPLICATION

The BIPOC Scholarship is established to support BIPOC employees, members, inquirers, candidates, and ministers of Seattle Presbytery and its churches who wish to pursue theological education and training for ministry. The program is managed and funded through a collaboration between the Race & Equity Task Force and the Executive Board, with additional support and guidance from the Presbytery staff. Scholarship funds are awarded through a reimbursement process to help minimize tax implications for students. Participants may submit receipts for up to 50% reimbursement of tuition and/or fees for the duration of their education. Reimbursement requests may be submitted multiple times per year as needed. Applicants will be notified of the scholarship decision by August 1, 2023.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. BIPOC employees, members, inquirers, candidates, and ministers of Seattle Presbytery and its churches
2. The applicant shall be an active member of or employed by a Seattle Presbytery congregation
3. The applicant shall be enrolled in an accredited Christian theological seminary that has the capacity to meet the basic leadership requirements of the PCUSA\*

(Please contact to discuss further if the institution does not meet this requirement.)

INSTRUCTIONS

Please print or type so information is legible. Feel free to use additional space for responses as needed. Along with the application, please submit the following:

* Transcripts from your most recent and complete year of study
* Three letters of reference, one from each of the following persons: professor/teacher, church officer, and personal friend
* Worksheet of expenses & receipts

Email application to raceequity@seattlepresbytery.org, or mail application and letters of reference, postmarked by June 1, 2023 to:

Seattle Presbytery
Attn: BIPOC Scholarship Program
PO Box 75104
Seattle, WA 98175

ABOUT THE SEATTLE PRESBYTERY BIPOC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The scholar can decide who the Presbytery makes the check out to. Because this is a scholarship and not a "gift," the marriage exemption does not apply. This means the scholar will pay taxes on the amount received, as it is considered income.

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CITY: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_ ZIP:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MARITAL STATUS:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of church: I am an official member of the church YES NO

List and briefly describe present church activities:

List school activities, volunteer work, committees, special awards in the past two years:

For Year Two Applicants: I am under care as an inquirer or candidate for ordination YES NO

Currently attending seminary/university/college? YES NO

Name and address of seminary/university/college: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

My major field of study is:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Academic degree sought: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Expected completion date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is your vocational objective:

Why do you think you’ll be successful in this chosen profession?

How did you become a Christian?

How has Christ affected your life?

Additional comments:

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We want to better understand the support structure our applicants have around them. Please have a staff member of your church, someone who is walking alongside you in your pursuit of theological education and training for ministry, answer the following question.

*What sort of church involvement/investment is the church providing to support the leadership development of the scholarship recipient?*

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Expense Worksheet

Please define what your annual expenses are so we can better understand how to support you as you pursue your theological training.

| Tuition |  |
| --- | --- |
| Book & Supplies |  |
| Living Expenses | Room & Board = Utilities = Phone bill =  |
| Childcare | Childcare = Preschool Tuition =  |
| Mental Healthcare |  |
| Other |  |
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