

College and Seminary Grant Application Form

Eastern Pennsylvania Board of Ordained Ministry

We are glad you are interested in ordained ministry and welcome your application for financial assistance. The following is the policy and application for college and seminary grants. Please read the policy carefully and complete the application.

1. Board of Ordained Ministry Grants are for students who have been recommended by their home church for ordained ministry. Anyone who receives funds must be an approved candidate within one year in order to receive additional funding. These funds are available for the fall and spring semesters only.
2. **Applications must be received thirty days prior to the start of classes in order to be considered. Students must submit an application before both their fall and spring semester.**
3. The following are the amounts per semester for College Students: Must maintain a 2.5 grade point average to be considered for additional grants.
 - Quarter time students receive up to \$750 per semester/\$1500 per academic year.
 - Half time students receive up to \$1000 per semester/\$2000 per academic year.
 - Three Quarter time students receive up to \$1125 per semester/\$2250 per academic year.
 - Full time students receive up to \$1250 per semester/\$2500 per academic year.
4. Seminary Students per semester: Must maintain a 2.8 grade point average to be considered for additional grants.
 - Quarter time students receive up to \$750 per semester/\$1500 per academic year.
 - Half time students receive up to \$1500 per semester/\$3000 per academic year.
 - Three Quarter time students receive up to \$1750 per semester/\$3500 per academic year.
 - Full time students receive up to \$2000 per semester/\$4000 per academic year.
5. Grants are for individuals seeking ordination who will serve their first five years of fulltime ministry within the bounds of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference. Individuals that receive grants but do not follow through with ordination or do not serve their first five years within the bounds of Eastern Pennsylvania are required to repay the grant. The grant will revert to a loan and will be repaid through an arrangement negotiated with the Board of Ordained Ministry. You will receive 20% credit for each year you serve within the bounds of Eastern Pennsylvania.
6. Grants are to be used for tuition and book purchases only and will be sent directly to the school.
7. Your recommending church pastor must sign the application for individuals who are not approved candidates or by the district superintendent for approved candidates. Your home pastor can only sign the form once. After that an individual must become an approved candidate and forms must be signed by the District Superintendent.

Applications are to be sent to the Board of Ordained Ministries Treasurer:

Mrs. Sheri Kentner, 110 Beechwood Terrace, Pottstown, PA 19465

Contact Mrs. Kentner at sherikentner@gmail.com [610-715-7784] for any additional questions.

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Name _____ Phone (____) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Social Security number _____

Home Church _____ I am _____ (list your most recent status achieved, e.g., recommended as a candidate by your church, approved candidate by the district, local pastor, deacon, elder, etc.)

District to which you relate _____ I will be a $\frac{1}{4}$; $\frac{1}{2}$; $\frac{3}{4}$; full time student

College or Seminary that you are or will be attending _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Previous semester's grade point average _____ Cumulative grade point average _____

Expenses

Tuition \$ _____ Room and Board \$ _____ Books \$ _____

Sources of Income

Scholarships \$ _____ Loans \$ _____ Relatives \$ _____

Grants from government and other sources \$ _____ Personal Funds \$ _____

Request from Eastern Pennsylvania Board of Ordained Ministry \$ _____

The school year and semester for which you are requesting assistance _____

The total amount of funds you have received from Eastern Pennsylvania Board of Ordained Ministry for college and seminary in the past \$ _____

Total amount of loans for college and seminary that your presently have \$ _____

Students signature: *I have read the policy and affirm that the funds I am requesting are needed for my preparation for ordained ministry, my grade point average meets the required level, I plan to serve at least my first five years of ministry within the bounds of Eastern Pennsylvania and that I plan to seek ordination within the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.*

Signature _____ Date _____

Recommending church pastor (pastor may only sign first time, after that, individual must be an approved candidate and signed by the District Superintendent) or the District Superintendent's signature: *To the best of my knowledge, _____ is progressing towards his/her ordination and is a candidate deserving of financial support.*

Signature _____ Date _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____