

**Southern California and Hawaii**

**Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**Racial Ethnic Pastoral Leadership Committee  
(REPL)**

*Celebrating Twenty-Eight Years of Educational Ministry (1982-2010)*

**2010 APPLICATION GUIDELINES  
For the  
SYNOD'S RACIAL ETHNIC  
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**SYNOD WEB PAGE: WWW.SYNOD.ORG/REPL**

**PURPOSE:**

- To encourage racial ethnic persons to prepare for church vocations within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) that will serve the Synod and the whole Church, with a primary emphasis on providing pastoral leadership in racial ethnic / multicultural congregations. *Due to limited funds, priority for scholarships shall be given to persons preparing for parish ministry (Pastor, CLP, CCE) and those pursuing the M.Div. degree or its equivalent.*
- To enable the Synod and its presbyteries to provide needed spiritual and financial support for racial ethnic persons enrolled with the presbytery as an inquirer / candidate for Minister of the Word and Sacrament, or with the presbytery and / or session for other professional church vocations.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- The applicant must be a member of a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation within the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii, under care of his/her church's Session and enrolled with his/her Presbytery as an inquirer or candidate for Minister of the Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Lay Pastor, Certified Christian Educator, or a minister transferring from another denomination. (See note)
- The applicant shall be a member of a racial ethnic group, and willing to serve in a racial ethnic or multi-cultural ministry within the PC(U.S.A.).
- The applicant shall be enrolled full-time or part-time in a PC(U.S.A.) related seminary or in a seminary approved by his/her presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The applicant shall be pursuing a M.Div. degree, its equivalent, or approved programs required for a Commissioned Lay Pastor or Certified Christian Educator.

- **Note:** *Racial-Ethnic persons with a M.Div. degree or its equivalent who are from other denominations in correspondence with the PC(U.S.A.), and are seeking to meet requirements for ordination or transfer may be considered for scholarship funds if they meet the other requirements of the program*
- The applicant shall demonstrate his/her financial need for scholarship assistance. Ordinarily, expenses must exceed income.
- The applicant / recipient shall maintain “satisfactory” grades in accordance with the criteria set by his/her presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry or the Committee on Ministry.

**PROCESS:**

- The Synod Racial Ethnic Pastoral Leadership Committee (REPL) has the administrative and programmatic responsibility for the scholarship fund.
- Application shall include the following:
  1. **The completed Application Form**, including complete financial information, detailed response to the required narrative questions, and signature from the appropriate governing body representative. – **Note: The Application Form is available at the Synod Office, or from the Synod Web Page. ([www.synod.org/repl](http://www.synod.org/repl)), the Presbytery CPM or via e-mail ([LeonFanniel@synod.org](mailto:LeonFanniel@synod.org))**
  2. **Recommendation by the appropriate Presbytery Committee** or (*Session for CLP/CCE applicants not under care of the Presbytery*). See page 4 of the Application Form. (Available as a separate document online)
  3. **A current transcript is required.** A copy of the GPA provided by the Registrar’s Office will be accepted if a transcript cannot be obtained.
  4. Application Forms and other related documents must be typed (preferred) or written legibly with pen. **Note: Application (both applicant and recommendation sections) can be completed online and e-mailed to Synod Office. See #1 above. (Adobe Acrobat Reader 7.0 or higher required) Other formats are also available; the lists are online at [synod.org/repl/](http://synod.org/repl/).**

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS IS APRIL 30, 2010**

**FOR CONTACT OR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Communication in regard to the Scholarship Fund may be directed to:

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