

Bursary Fund for Lay Training & Application Form

Life & Mission Agency
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Description

This bursary fund has been established to provide financial assistance for lay people of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to receive short term training, instruction and enrichment for Christian service. The fund operates as follows:

- one-third of the total cost of the candidate's financing must be provided by the candidate himself or herself; *
- one-third of the total cost of the candidate's financing must be provided by his or her congregation or presbytery;
- one-third of the total cost of the candidate's financing will be covered by the fund.

*** Note that, at its discretion, the candidate's congregation/presbytery may also opt to cover this portion.**

This bursary fund is administered by the Life & Mission Agency of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which has the right to grant or refuse requests according to the criteria stipulated below. It is not intended for Ministers of Word and Sacrament, active members of the Diaconal Order, professional church workers, or students in preparation for full time service.

Criteria

Grants will be provided to persons who enrol for a course/event which will equip them for some particular aspect of Christian service and which fulfills the following conditions:

- i) The candidate will be able to utilize the new skill or knowledge in some specified manner in the congregation and/or presbytery.
- ii) The candidate belongs to some committee, organization, or other kind of support system which will be expected to receive the candidate's report of the course and utilize the candidate's knowledge or skills.
- iii) The candidate will attend the course not as a casual observer but as a full participant and will go to it seeking personal enrichment and prepared to make a personal contribution to the proceedings.
- iv) The candidate will be expected to report back in writing to the support group, congregation or presbytery and to send a copy to the Life & Mission Agency.

- v) The course should be sponsored by an organization or group with a reputation whose theological and educational stance is in keeping with The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
- vi) Applications will be made to the Life & Mission Agency on the candidate's behalf by a Presbytery, Session or Board of the Church, using the appropriate application form.
- vii) The candidate, the congregation and/or the presbytery is expected to make financial contributions toward the course since the Life & Mission Agency makes augmented grants only.

Considerations in Making Grants

Applications will be approved by the appropriate committee of the Life & Mission Agency on the basis of the information provided and resources available.

Applications which indicate benefit for a significant number of people, or for a wider geographical area, will normally be given a high priority. Applications will not necessarily be treated on a "first come, first served" basis. Priority consideration will also be given to applications from persons within mission fields, augmented charges, or other congregations which find it financially difficult to subsidize fully the candidates.

Applications for a candidate to attend a second or third course for which Bursary Fund grants have been made will usually be given low priority unless some strong benefit to the church at large is expected.

Be sure to check at the presbytery and synod levels for other options; funding is often available from these sources.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR TYPE

Conference Name: _____

Applicant's Name _____

Social Insurance Number _____ (You must provide this for tax purposes)

Telephone (_____) _____ email address _____

Mailing Address _____

Town/City & Province _____ Postal Code _____

Home Congregation & Official Position _____

FINANCING

Cost of tuition \$ _____

Cost of room & board \$ _____

Cost of travel \$ _____

Other cost \$ _____

Total cost \$ _____

Amount to be paid by congregation/presbytery (one-third) \$ _____

Amount to be paid by the applicant * (one-third) \$ _____

Amount to be provided by Bursary Fund (one-third) \$ _____

* Note that the applicant's congregation/presbytery may opt to cover this portion also, at its discretion.

Date for which cheque is requested _____

APPROVED

Sponsoring Body: _____
Congregation and/or Presbytery

Name _____
Clerk, Convenor, etc. Signature

Title _____
Clerk, Convenor, etc.

Name _____
Applicant Applicant's Signature

Return to:

The Lay Bursary Fund, The Vine, Life & Mission Agency, 50 Wynford Dr., Toronto, ON, M3C 1J7

Both sides must be completed. Incomplete or illegible applications cannot be considered.

