Preparation for Ministry Grant Guidelines

1. A fund has been established by the Presbytery of Lake Huron, and is administered by the Preparation for Ministry Team, from which grants can be provided for Inquirers and Candidates under care.

2. At each service of installation and/or ordination of ministers of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbytery of Lake Huron, an offering shall be taken to be placed within the CPM fund. If such service takes place during a regular Sunday worship of a particular church, the session shall designate a part of the offering received that morning for the CPM fund.

3. The Preparation for Ministry Team is responsible for policy, administration and determining qualifications for grants from the CPM fund.

A. Grants shall be made to applicants enrolled and attending seminary with the intention to receive a M.Div. The intent of the grant is to help defray educational costs and reduce student indebtedness. They are provided in addition to whatever scholarship or loan received by the applicant. Should the applicant be fully funded to seminary, a grant may not be awarded. Further, should the applicant withdraw from her/his studies prior to graduation/ordination, it is anticipated the grant for that year be returned.

B. Application for a grant will be made directly to the Preparation for Ministry Team using the attached form. Inquirers and Candidates may apply for up to $1500 per academic year defined as June-May. Recipients may reapply for the award. The total cumulative amount shall does not exceed $4500.

C. Not all circumstances can be anticipated. The CPM intends to remain flexible to meet existing, changing, and unanticipated needs of individual applicants.

D. The approval and the amount of every grant will be determined by the Preparation for Ministry Team and reported to the COMMP and the Presbytery.

4. The CPM fund will not be used for loans scheduled for repayment. Awarded grants are intended only to be used for educational expenses, ordination exam fees, and similar expenses.

5. Disbursement. Checks will be made to the individual or the educational institution or program where they are enrolled. Individuals may be asked to provide verification of how funds were spent.

Preparation for Ministry Grant Application

Personal Information:

Name:

Mailing Address:

Email:

Phone Number (please circle one: cell, home, work, other)

Ecclesial Information:

Home Church:

Date Joined:

Presbytery Status (circle one): applying for inquiry, inquirer, candidate

Educational Information:

Name of Seminary:

Address:

Degree Pursuing:

Expected Completion Date:

Award Request:

Amount Requested:

Applying for the School Year of:

If Awarded, disbursement check requested to go to:

Intended Use of Grant if Received (please be specific):

OFFICE USE ONLY:	
Date Received:	**Date Reviewed by MPT:**
Awarded Amount:	**MPT Moderator Signature:**

Financial Information:

Resources:	**Estimated Expenses:**
Savings:	Tuition/Fees:
Grants/Scholarships Awarded:	Room/Board:
Sponsoring Church Assistance:	Books/Supplies:
Employment:	Personal:
Loan:	Transportation:
Family Contribution:	Other:
Other:	
Total Resources:	Total Expenses:

Additional Information:

Are any persons dependent upon you for their financial support? If so, please list their names and relationship to you.

Are there any special circumstances or conditions which affect your financial need or access to resources? If so, please explain below.

Do you have any outstanding debt obligations? If so, please give the total amount and describe the terms of interest and repayment (include auto loans).

Amount:	Rate of Interest:	Due and Payable:
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I agree that the information I have provided in this request may be shared with the educational institution in which I am enrolled, and I authorize responsible officials of that institution, which is named in this request, to release record information concerning myself to the Ministry Preparation Team of Lake Huron Presbytery for the purpose of determining assistance to be granted by the Presbytery.

Applicant's Signature: **Date:**