Barnabas Fund Grants

In the Bible, Barnabas is a figure who inspires encouragement, assistance and fairness. In this spirit, the Barnabas Fund is a fund that is motivated by a quest for equity--a more level playing field--for financially challenged students who are tracking toward pastoral ministry, in paying housing and other additional costs beyond tuition and fees.

This fund will be able to assist 10-12 students per year. Its interest is assistance to students from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds who are already burdened with debt. While Princeton Theological Seminary values all vocational directions, this fund’s focus is on those students from distressed financial situations who may need additional financial help to pursue their call to pastoral ministry.

**GRANT AWARD AMOUNT:**
The annual grant range for this program, depending on student need is:

- $8,000 to $10,000, distributed 50% each semester

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**
An eligible student must meet all of the following requirements in order to be considered for a Barnabas Grant:

- Demonstrate financial need for this grant in addition to the maximum PTS Grant or Fellowship awarded for the current academic year.
- Have outstanding student loan debt exceeding $30,000.
- Be enrolled full-time in the M.Div, MATS, MACEF or M.Div/MACEF program.
- Be planning to serve the church in pastoral ministry following the completion of his/her program of study at PTS
- Write a statement (500 words or less) describing your call or vocational direction.
- Write a statement (500 words or less) describing your particular economic situation that make this grant crucial to financing your education
- Complete and submit the attached application along with your statements to the Office of Admissions and Financial Aid by August 1.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF THEY ARE INCOMPLETE OR RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

If you have any questions, please call or email our office.
BARNABAS FUND GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI):

Date of birth:       SSN:       Phone:

Current address:

City:       State:       ZIP Code:

Email:

Degree Program:       Year in School:       Graduation Date:

Marital Status:       Spouse’s Name (if applicable):

Dependent Children Living With You?

Name:       DOB:       Name:       DOB:

Vocational Direction:

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By signing below, I understand I am applying for a Barnabas Fund Grant, the awarding of which is done by the Financial Aid Committee and is not able to be appealed. I have completed and attached my essays, am enrolled in the M.Div, MATS, MACEF, or Dual M.Div/MACEF programs, and plan to serve the church in pastoral ministry. I also have at least $30,000 in educational debt.

Signature of applicant       Date