

PRESBYTERY OF THE SOUTHEAST SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, SPRING 2026
(to be awarded in October 2025)

Name: _____ PSE ministerial advisor: _____

Date of application: _____ (*you may apply any time between July 1 and October 3, 2025*)

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete this questionnaire and submit it to your PSE ministerial advisor. He will make a recommendation to the full Candidates & Credentials Committee, which will then weigh all the applications received and resources available, and bring its motions for scholarship awards to the PSE.

As a reminder, C&C has told the PSE that “ordinarily a man eligible for a PSE scholarship will be:

1. A Master of Divinity student, at least half time, at an accredited seminary.
2. Under care of the PSE in pursuit of ordination as a minister in the OPC.
3. Making satisfactory academic progress (no more than one Fail or Incomplete per year).
4. Making satisfactory ecclesiastical progress (obtaining licensure within two years of care).
5. Expecting financial hardships that cannot be adequately addressed by other sources.
6. A past recipient of this scholarship fewer than 8 times.”

Attach brief statements from your local session and/or diaconate that (a) attest your sound stewardship, and your actual financial hardship in attending seminary, and (b) estimate the material help that your local church could offer you. (C&C believes that local congregations should already support their own seminarians when they can, and that cases of severe hardship should involve your local deacons.) If your session or diaconate prefer, their statements may be submitted directly to your advisor; sessions and diaconates should also feel free to call advisors if further explanations are needed.

I. ACADEMIC

1. Seminary you expect to attend: _____ Mainly: (on-site / distance)
2. Number of seminary credit hours you expect to take January – June 2026: _____
3. Number of seminary credit hours you completed January – June 2025: _____
4. Number of failed seminary courses, or still-unresolved incompletes, June 2024 – June 2025: _____

II. ECCLESIASTICAL

1. Month & year your PSE care started: _____
2. Since then, have you made timely progress reports and come to PSE meetings when possible? _____
3. Month & year of your PSE licensure (actual past date or estimated future date): _____

III. FINANCIAL

1. How many in your household? ____ How many expect to be employed full-time? ____ Part-time? ____
2. Household's expected monthly income in early 2026: \$ _____
Don't include aid you're listing in IV.1-2. Do include wages, pensions, business or rental income, etc.

3. Household's expected monthly expenses in early 2026: \$_____
- This is your total monthly budget, apart from the seminary costs of III.6-7.*
4. Household's current total available assets: \$_____
- Don't include retirement accounts, primary home equity, daily vehicles, or insurance policy values.*
Do include cash, regular investments, and the liquidation value of businesses or other properties.
5. Household's current total non-mortgage debt: \$_____ Sum of monthly payments: \$_____
6. Total expected seminary tuition (before the aid in IV.1) for January – June 2026: \$_____
7. Total expected other seminary expenses (books, fees, etc.) for January – June 2026: \$_____

IV. OTHER ASSISTANCE

1. Expected non-PSE sources and amounts of student financial aid for July - December 2025:
Don't include loans. Do include scholarships, grants, local church support, and family gifts.
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2. List any kinds of government aid your household uses (e.g. Medicaid, ACA subsidies, SSI, food stamps):
- _____
3. Total value of any diaconal aid your household has received in the last 12 months: \$ _____