

APPLICATION PROCESS FOR STUDENT LOANS

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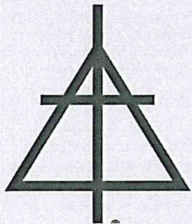
EXTENDED TO
MAY 15

1. Submit a completed Student Fund application by ~~March 31~~ to the Leadership Development Team (LDT). Application must include:
 - Student Profile with necessary documents
 - Student Financial Data
2. The LDT will process all applications. Those who meet all the Student Fund Rules will be contacted and a personal interview will be scheduled.
3. All interviews will be conducted before May 31.
4. At the September meeting of Classis Grandville the LDT will submit its recommendation on how to allocate the student funds.
5. Shortly thereafter all applicants will be informed of the decision of Classis.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Team Members

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Documents

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Questions

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POSSIBLE BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Are you currently studying in preparation for full-time ministry within the Christian Reformed Church? Perhaps you are considering a second career as a minister, but aren't sure how to pay for your schooling. Classis Grandville would like to help. Funds are available to defray your costs! For more information, submit the necessary forms, found at classisgrandville.org, by March 31. Question? Contact Pastor Tony Meyer at pastortony@ivanrestcrc.org.

• Rules for Student Loans found on reverse •

VII. RULES FOR STUDENT FUND LOANS (last revised SEPT 2005)

A. Purpose: In harmony with the provisions of Article 21 of the Church Order, Classis Grandville of the Christian Reformed Church maintains a fund under the direction of the Leadership Development Team (LDT) of Classis. The goal of this fund is to encourage the development of full-time, ordained ministers within the Christian Reformed Church. Therefore, financial assistance shall be given to persons who desire to prepare for full-time ministry.

B. Eligibility Requirements:

1. Recipients shall be members in full communion of one of the churches of Classis Grandville. Only by way of exception will we consider requests for aid from other Classes in the CRC to support their Student funds.
2. Recipients shall be those seeking full-time ordained ministry in the CRC. Only by way of exception will the LDT consider requests from those seeking full-time unordained ministry in a church or agency of the CRC, or part-time ministry within the CRC.
3. Students shall attend Calvin Seminary or one of the colleges affiliated with the CRC. Only by way of exception will there be consideration given to those attend another seminary.
4. We will not consider applications of those pursuing Th.M, Ph.D, or D.Min degrees.

C. Publicity The Student Fund Committee shall annually:

1. Request the councils of classis to make proper announcements through their bulletins.
2. Advertise in The Banner that financial aid is available.
3. In these announcements the committee shall set a deadline for applications.

D. Application Requirements:

1. Present a letter of testimony and evaluation from their church council.
2. Present a statement verifying confessing membership at one of the Classis Grandville churches.
3. Present a statement of their financial need.
4. Present their most recent high school or college grade transcript.
5. Meet with the LDT for an interview.

E. Interview:

1. The interview shall take place before the spring meeting of classis.
2. The committee shall discuss with the applicants:
 - a. Their motives for desiring to study for the ministry.
 - b. Their appreciation of the Christian Reformed Church and the reformed faith.
 - c. A personal testimony of their faith.
 - d. And whatever else the committee may consider necessary and appropriate.

F. Requirements for Continuing Eligibility:

1. Students shall forward their grade transcripts to the secretary of the committee at the end of each semester.
2. Students shall re-apply before the spring deadline if they wish to receive aid for the following year.

G. Approval

1. The LDT shall in each case determine the validity of each request and the amount to be loaned.
2. The maximum support for part-time students shall not exceed the actual cost of tuition.
3. The LDT shall present an approved list of eligible students and the recommended loan amounts to the spring meeting of classis for approval.
4. A member of the LDT shall inform each applicant of the decision of classis.
5. Each loan will be awarded based upon need and the availability of funds.

H. Loan Repayment Each applicant shall sign a "Loan Repayment Agreement".

1. Repayment shall begin when the applicant completes or discontinues his/her studies.
2. The loan shall be repaid in annual installments of 10% over a 10 year period.
3. The loan will be decreased by 10% each year the applicant works in full-time ministry in a church or agency of the CRC. This is in lieu of the annual 10% repayment.
4. When the applicant enters and remains in full-time ministry in a church or agency of the CRC for ten years, no repayment will be required.