

Classis Ministerial Leadership Team of Classis Huron

Financial Assistance Guidelines for Churches and Students

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1. Only students who intend to study for ordained ministry in the Christian Reformed Church in North America, and who pursue such studies at an ATS (Association of Theological Schools) school, may apply for aid from the Classis Huron Student Assistance Fund. Amounts awarded will be determined by Classis Huron upon the advice of the CMLT; priority will be given to students attending Calvin Theological Seminary.
2. Those who select another seminary for their Master of Divinity program are required to take a special program to orient them to the Christian Reformed Church, called the *Ecclesiastical Program for Ministerial Candidates (EPMC)*. Proof of registration in the EPMC must be submitted to the CMLT.
3. Student aid shall ordinarily be granted via the underwriting of interest free student loans. Should a student discontinue the studies for the ministry of the CRCNA or, once ordained, leave the ministry in the CRCNA within 5 (five) years after their ordination, the student shall repay such grants in accordance with the terms set down in the Agreement and Contract of the CMLT of Classis Huron.
4. All monies granted to students shall be paid out in Canadian funds.
5. Annual re-applications for aid must be submitted by the student to the secretary of the CMLT by March 15. This should be accompanied by a transcript of his/her academic record covering the period since his/her last application. Forms may be obtained from the secretary of the CMLT or from the CRCNA website.
6. It is the student's responsibility to keep the secretary informed about changes of address and changes in vocational goal and approved course of studies.

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Agreement and Contract

This agreement made and entered into, this ____ day of the month of _____ of the year _____ , by and between CLASSIS HURON OF THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH (in North America), party of the first part, and (name of the student) _____, party of the second part;

WITNESSES:

1. That the said Classis Huron grants to the said student _____ such financial assistance as may be awarded upon the recommendation of the Classis Ministerial Leadership Team.

2. That the said Classis Huron promises and grants this sum of money for but one (1) year at a time. In order to receive continued financial assistance, the student shall renew their application annually during the month of March on an application form to be requested from the Secretary of the CMLT of the said Classis Huron, which form shall be returned not later than the 15th day of March.

3. That the party of the second part promises and hereby agrees that (s)he will not, while pursuing his/her studies, participate in any activities detrimental to the successful pursuance of his/her studies; that (s)he will, without reservations, submit to the regulations and discipline of the school (s)he attends, and will at all times answer inquiries by the school authorities or by the CMLT of the said Classis Huron concerning his/her studies, daily conduct or spiritual life.

4. The party of the second part furthermore promises and hereby agrees to make full and complete repayment to the said Classis Huron of all monies received, should (s)he discontinue his/her studies toward ordained ministry.

5. The party of the second part furthermore promises and hereby agrees to make repayment if (s)he should leave the ministry in the CRCNA within 5 years after his/her ordination; such repayment will be proportionate to the duration of his/her ordained ministry in the CRCNA.

6. When repayments under this term and stipulations shall be required, the party of the second part promises and hereby agrees to make repayments at the rate of 20% per year of the original amount owing, which repayments shall begin not later than one year (1) after discontinuing studies for the ministry or leaving the ministry of the CRCNA.

7. Appeal from these stipulations may always and at any time be made to the said Classis Huron, which shall judge whether exceptions shall be allowed and made.

For Classis Huron of the Christian Reformed Church:

Chair of the CMLT _____

Secretary of the CMLT _____

Applicant _____