

Application for Grazier Memorial Candidates' Scholarship Funds
Committee on Preparation for Ministry
Presbytery of the Western Reserve

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry in the Presbytery of the Western Reserve has a limited amount of money available for scholarships to our students in seminary. This application should be completed and returned to the Committee through the moderator, staff liaison to CPM or your CPM liaison. A personal meeting with the Committee is not required.

Name _____ Date of application _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail address _____

Seminary _____

State briefly the status of your preparation for ministry. How much of the three-year program have you completed? What remains?

Have you received any other scholarships? If so, please provide a summary.

What is the dollar amount you are requesting?

Using the space below and no more than one additional page (the back of this form if you wish) please let the Committee know a little about the circumstances that prompted you to apply for this scholarship.

GRAZIER MEMORIAL CANDIDATES' SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Grazier Memorial Candidates' Scholarship Fund was created on September 22, 2008 when the Presbytery of the Western Reserve approved combining the Candidates' Scholarship Fund with the Grazier Memorial Scholarship Fund into a single fund dedicated to scholarship assistance for persons preparing for Ministry of the Word and Sacrament. The original Grazier Fund was set up by the Presbytery in 1970 to honor the service of Executive Presbytery, James Grazier, after his death. The original Candidates' Scholarship Fund received half of the offerings from services of ordination and installation. This combined fund will continue to receive half of these offerings.

The approval in 2008 included that funds "may be disbursed by and through the Committee on Preparation for Ministry under Guidelines to be established by that committee for the purpose of supporting inquirers and candidates who are seeking ordination as ministers [teaching elders] of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)." It had been the custom for the CPM to award \$500 as a one-time gift to any inquirer or candidate who asks for it. After the funds were combined, CPM decided that it would not necessarily limit the amount awarded, depending on fund balance, and would consider how much to grant on a case-by-case basis. At its July 10, 2009 meeting, the committee approved a scholarship application form to be completed when an inquirer or candidate requests financial support.