

THE LYDIA SCHOLARSHIP

Funded through the
Network of Presbyterian Women in Leadership
a ministry of
presbyterians for renewal

Application for Academic Year 2011-2012

IDENTIFYING DATA:

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Other Phone _____

Email Address _____

FAMILY STATUS: ___ single ___ married (no children) ___ married with children ___ # of children

EDUCATION: _____

SEMINARY: _____ Graduation Year _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: _____

In _____ Presbytery since _____

CARE STATUS:

I am a ___ CANDIDATE ___ INQUIRER in _____ Presbytery
in _____ (state).

REFERENCES: (name/phone number/email/relationship to applicant). At least one reference should be a seminary professor.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

NARRATIVE APPLICATION

Please answer the following questions in a narrative style, responding specifically to the question being asked. Then complete the financial page on the form provided. This portion of your completed application should not exceed six typed pages. Please be aware that, in cases of close ranking of applications, factors such as legibility, spelling and grammar are considered.

Please do not send photos, resumes, letters of recommendation, transcripts, or other material. They will be discarded and not returned.

Please sign the “Statement of Support” prior to returning the application to the Scholarship Coordinator. Also, please note that your signature gives us permission to contact your references regarding you and your possible appropriateness to receive the Lydia Scholarship. Any false data on this application will result in your disqualification from consideration for the scholarship and/or withdrawal of scholarship funds, should you be selected as the recipient of the Lydia Scholarship.

***IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ABOUT YOU**

Tell us about you – whatever facts and information you believe would help the readers and evaluators of the scholarship to know you best.

***YOUR EDUCATION AND WORK HISTORY**

Tell us about your educational background. Then tell us about your work history – both secular work and work in the church setting (volunteer or paid). What is your current employment?

***YOUR FAITH STORY AND PERSONAL THEOLOGY**

Tell us about your growing relationship with God on your personal faith journey – include in this narration any information that would help the Scholarship Committee know more about you and your faith. Who is God to you? Who is Jesus Christ to you? To the best of your ability, explain the Holy Spirit. How is your faith seen by those around you in daily life? What do you do to keep your faith growing? Discuss the authority of scripture and how this understanding influences your faith and your personal theology. What books have you recently read that have you “thinking” and excited to read more? Why?

***YOUR CALL TO MINISTRY**

Tell us about your sense of call. The Lydia Scholarship was established for women sensing God’s call to the ordained pastoral ministry of the PC (USA), therefore, how do you see yourself ministering in a local church and in the wider arena of the PC (USA)? Include in your answer, your thoughts and visions for spiritual renewal within the denomination.

THIS PAGE IS TO BE COMPLETED ON THIS FORM BY THE APPLICANT
AND RETURNED WITH HER NARRATION TO THE PREVIOUS QUESTIONS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN THIS FORM.

THANK YOU.

CERTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL NEED

List all outstanding debts and the amount owed to each creditor, including both educational and personal debts.

ESTIMATE OF ANTICIPATED INCOME (Sept. 2011 to Sept. 2012)

Your employment (less taxes)	\$ _____
Spouse's work (less taxes – if applicable)	_____
Other grants/scholarships, etc. (including \$ from your seminary)	_____
Savings (divide total savings by years of Seminary remaining, plus one)	_____
Other income (describe below)	_____
***TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$ _____

(Describe other income listed above. Also list non-liquid assets you own such as real estate, cars, stocks, etc.)

ESTIMATE OF ANTICIPATED PERSONAL/LIVING EXPENSES (Sept. 2011 to Sept. 2012)

Housing	\$ _____
Food	_____
Utilities	_____
Phone	_____
Health/car insurance	_____
Car or other loan payments	_____
Other significant monthly payments (identify)	_____
1.	_____
2.	_____
Tuition/fees for seminary	_____
Cost of books	_____
Misc./Entertainment/Clothes Gifts, and So Forth	_____
TOTAL COST OF LIVING 2011-2012	\$ _____

(If there are additional comments needed regarding your finances please comment here...)

The Lydia Scholarship provides financial support for evangelical women intending to enter the pastoral ministry of the PC (USA). By your signature, you affirm the Network of Presbyterian Women in Leadership's Statement of Faith, which reads:

As Presbyterian women, lay and clergy, embracing the confessional standards of the PC (USA) set forth in our Book Of Confessions:

1. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons, revealed in Scripture as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and in no other.
2. We believe in the whole of Scripture as the reliable, authoritative and essential witness of God's self-revelation and sovereign will, and our guide in faith and life.
3. We believe in Jesus Christ, in his full divinity and full humanity, in his virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, vicarious and atoning death on the cross, bodily resurrection, ascension to the right hand of God, and in Christ's future personal return in glory.
4. We believe that God created all human beings in God's image. Therefore, we believe in the full equality of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups and economic classes and in the sacredness of human sexuality expressed as God designed celibacy in singleness, and fidelity in the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman.
5. We believe, because of human sin against God, that God's image was defaced and fellowship with God and with each other was broken. We believe in God's redeeming grace and power to overcome what sin has produced.
6. We believe that the Holy Spirit convinces us of sin and leads us to repent and to experience God's salvation, which is received only through faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.
7. We believe in the ongoing ministry of the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live wholly and holy for God and to express our faith in word and action.
8. We believe that we find our identity first of all as redeemed children of God and disciples of Christ, any other identity or focusing being secondary.

We believe in the Body of Christ, which by the Holy Spirit is bound together in spiritual unity and sent out in gifted diversity to accomplish Christ's mission in the world.

Signature _____ Date _____

PRINT NAME: _____

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED
BY MARCH 1, 2011

and returned to:
Lydia Scholarship Coordinator
Network of Presbyterian Women in Leadership
A ministry of *presbyterians for renewal*
8134 New LaGrange Rd, Suite 227
Louisville, KY 40222-4679

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502-425-4630 (PFR Office)

WHAT IS THE LYDIA SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

- ◆ The Lydia Fund is a scholarship program for women who have experienced God's call to become ordained pastors in the PC (USA) and who have a vision of spiritual renewal within the denomination.
- ◆ Administered by the Network of Presbyterian Women in Leadership (NPWL), as a ministry of Presbyterians for Renewal, the Lydia Fund seeks to equip evangelical women for leadership in the PC (USA).
- ◆ Scholarship recipients are selected nationally each year and may be given the opportunity to attend a General Assembly as part of the Presbyterians for Renewal (PRF) Team.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP?

Full-time female seminary students with:

- ◆ a calling to serve in the PC(USA) *ordained pastoral ministry*.
- ◆ a commitment to complete a Master of Divinity degree at an accredited seminary.
- ◆ a personal, vibrant commitment to Jesus Christ.
- ◆ a desire to work for renewal in the PC(USA), including co-operation with NPWL and PFR.

Applicants must be involved in the Candidate Process of the PC (USA) or have specific plans to be so enrolled shortly. Anyone is eligible to reapply if they are not selected with their first application.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCEDURE?

- ◆ Prospective applicants may *contact NPWL* after November 1st to receive an official application or *download a copy of the application* from the Network of Presbyterian Women in Leadership website at www.npwl.org and complete the form, returning it by mail to PFR.
- ◆ Completed applications must be ***returned with a postmark dated no later than March 1, 2011*** to the PFR office, 8134 New LaGrange Rd, #227, Louisville, KY 40222-4679.
- ◆ The Scholarship *Board will review the applications* and select the recipient.
- ◆ All *applicants will be notified* of the final results by June 1st.

HOW MANY SCHOLARSHIPS WILL THE LYDIA FUND AWARD EACH YEAR?

The Lydia Fund currently chooses one new recipient each year, who receives up to \$2,500/year for two years. There is an option for receiving the same amount (if needed) for a third year if the student has participated in a pastoral ministry internship and is still completing the Master of Divinity on a full-time basis. The recipient is expected to remain in contact with the scholarship coordinator regarding significant changes/events in the recipient's life.

