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Apollos Scholarship Application Information Sheet

About the Application

There is no mechanism for saving this application as you go. To give yourself the best chance at success, gather all your materials and prepare your narrative answers prior to starting the online form. You may use this [downloadable checklist/worksheet](#).

Deadline — August 17, 2023, at midnight CST

Questions — Reach out to our Communications and Scholarship Administrator, Alex Duperval, at apollos@opsf.org or call 402-397-5138

Eligibility — To be eligible for the Apollos Scholarship award, applicants must be:

- Enrolled full-time in a PC(USA) seminary (by fall 2023)
- An inquirer or candidate under care of the Committee/Commission on Ministry of a PC(USA) presbytery (by fall 2023)

Gather These Documents for Upload

(1) Transcripts from all completed academic programs. If you are currently enrolled in a degree granting program, include that transcript as well. (Unofficial transcripts which have the institution's name are fine. Award recipients will be required to provide official transcripts prior to award disbursement.)

(2) Resume or CV

References

You will provide the names and contact information for three (3) references: home church pastor, academic reference, other.

It is up to you to provide your references with the link to the Reference Form (tinyurl.com/ApollosReferenceOPSF). Reference responses must be received by April 17, 2023.

Checklist/Worksheet — You may find a downloadable checklist and worksheet to prepare your application *prior* to filling out the online application [here](#).

Application Content

(1) Name and Contact Information — Email, Phone number, Home Address, Mailing Address (if different than home)

Will you have a different mailing address in the fall?

(2) Home Church — Name, City, State

(3) **Preparation for Ministry and Academic Information** — In this section, you are asked for your status in the preparation for ministry process (inquirer/candidate). You will also list the higher education institutions you have attended and will upload your transcripts from each. Transcripts are only required from schools you have graduated from or are preparing to earn a degree from prior to your seminary enrollment.

- Are you a candidate or an inquirer? (Response options: Inquirer, Candidate, I will be an inquirer by August 1)
- Presbytery where you are/will be under care
- Name/Email of Liaison for Committee/Commission on Preparation for Ministry
- What degree are you pursuing? (List dual degree if applicable)
- Which best describes your level of study, in the fall of 2023? (Response options: Junior, Middler, etc.)
- Indicate the degrees you have received or will have received prior to seminary enrollment (Response options: Bachelor's, Master's Degree, Seminary - Currently Enrolled, Other Degree, I am a non-traditional student without a Bachelor's Degree)
- **For each educational institution, provide the following information:**
 - Degree
 - Major/Focus
 - GPA
 - Graduation date
 - Upload Transcript
- Is there anything that would be helpful for the selection committee to know about your academic history?

(4) **References** — *In this section, you will tell us the names and emails of your references.* References MAY NOT be relatives or romantic partners of the applicant. It is up to you to share the weblink with your references so that they may submit your referral electronically. References must be submitted through the web portal. We WILL NOT reach out to your references to ask for their forms. It is up to you to make sure they are turned in by April 17.

GIVE YOUR REFERENCES THIS LINK: tinyurl.com/ApollosReferenceOPSE

(5) **Narrative Responses** — In this section, you respond to the following narrative questions. Responses are limited to 1,500 characters (which includes spaces and stylistic formatting.)

- Describe your spiritual pilgrimage.
- What draws you to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament? Describe your sense of call. (Note: The Apollos Scholarship was established to support those preparing for congregational ministry. If you are pursuing ordination for a purpose other than parish ministry, please explain how your service will further local church ministry.)
- Describe your leadership style. How do you envision using your leadership gifts in the Church?
- Two-part question: (1) Identify a major challenge you believe impacts PC(USA) congregational ministry. (2) Describe how your gifts for ministry can help.
- How have you demonstrated commitment to Jesus Christ in and through the Church?
- Describe the ways you care for your physical, mental, and spiritual health.
- Optional: How will the Apollos Scholarship help to support you in your future ministry? (700 character max.)

(6) **Resume Upload** — Upload your resume