

STUDENT AID CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Program Description

The Board of Trustees of Greenville Presbyterian Theological Seminary encourages sending church courts (sessions, presbyteries, denominations, etc.) to aid distance and resident students in covering the cost of studying in a classroom environment. Toward that end, the Seminary commits to match contributions from the student's sending church up to 1/2 of the cost of tuition and fees for individual students. The arrangements of this program will remain in place as long as two conditions are met: the student remains enrolled in a degree program and the church continues to fulfill an annual commitment.

Application Process

The church body initially fills out the front page of this form to accompany the student's application for admission. By completing this form, the church body is committing to support the student for the duration of his Seminary studies at a certain percentage. If the church body's ability or intent to support the student changes, the church body may simply submit an updated form.

A church body may begin supporting a student as part of this program midway through the student's program by filling out this form at any point during the student's studies. The church body must submit a completed form by the mid-semester break to have credit applied to a student's account for that semester. Consult the current academic catalog, academic calendar, or the Registrar's Office (registrar@gpts.edu) for dates and deadlines.

Fulfilling the Commitment

To ensure that all funds are credited to student accounts in a timely manner, church bodies should pay by check (made out to GPTS), **indicating the student's name on the memo line**. Alternatively, churches may make a gift through the payment form at gpts.edu/pay, indicating the student's name in the 'Memo' field.

Church bodies should fulfill commitment obligations each semester no later than 15 days after the beginning of the first semester for which the funds are to be applied. The church body may elect to make annual payments based upon the student's projected course load. Church payments are subject to the same terms as all student payments. Consult the current academic catalog of contact the Registrar's Office (registrar@gpts.edu) for more information about payment terms. In the case of a mid-semester enrollment in the program, payment should be made within 15 days of the Seminary's approval and acknowledgment of the form. A check may be enclosed with the form, and the Seminary will deposit the check upon notification to the church of the Seminary's approval of the form.

Each year on May 1, the Seminary's Business Office reviews student accounts, including the record of commitments through the program. If upon review, it is determined that the Seminary has contributed an amount to the student's account *in excess* of the amount contributed by the church body, the overage will be removed from the student account at that time.

Contributions from a church will roll-over from one semester to the next within the same academic year. No funds will roll-over from one academic year to the next. Excess or unused benefit funds are not applied to the student's account as a credit. All unused funds are considered as an unrestricted contribution to the Seminary.