

# BURSARY LIST FOR PCC MINISTRY STUDENTS

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\*\* Note that this list does not reflect all bursaries or assistance available. Many presbyteries offer financial assistance to their certified students but did not wish it to be published in this list. Each of the colleges also administers their own bursaries. All students are advised to contact their presbytery and college to enquire about financial assistance.

## PRESBYTERY BURSARIES

All students are advised to contact their presbytery to enquire about financial assistance. Many presbyteries support their candidates for ministry with small yearly grants.

## COLLEGE BURSARIES & FINANCIAL AID

All students are advised to contact their college to enquire about financial assistance and bursaries.

- [St. Andrew's Hall Financial Aid](#)
- [Vancouver School of Theology Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)
- [Knox College Financial Aid and Scholarships](#)
- [Toronto School of Theology Scholarships and Grants](#)
- [Presbyterian College Scholarships](#)

## PRESBYTERIAN BURSARIES

Open to Presbyterian candidates for ministry. Some bursaries have eligibility restrictions based on congregational and/or presbytery membership, or academic discipline. Read bursary description carefully for eligibility. Some bursaries are also open to doctoral students.

### Synod of the Atlantic Provinces

Contact: Clerk of Synod, Atlantic Provinces  
Eligibility: Candidates for ministry in the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces  
Deadline: Varies  
Application: Contact the synod clerk to request a copy of the Atlantic Synod Bursary List

### Taiwanese Robert Campbell Presbyterian Church, Montreal

Contact: Clerk of Session, Taiwanese Robert Campbell PC  
Email: [trchurch@hotmail.com](mailto:trchurch@hotmail.com) Tel: 514-481-3258  
Eligibility: All baptized church members who enter full-time study of Master of Divinity at a certified Presbyterian Theological Seminary are eligible to apply for this scholarship  
Deadline: All applications are due within one month of the start of the school term  
Application: (a) Letter of acceptance for entering study from a certified Presbyterian Theological Seminary.  
(b) For the first term, a letter of self-introduction is acceptable instead of transcript.  
(c) From the second term, the registration letter and the transcript from the previous term are required.

## Bridlewood Presbyterian Church, Toronto

### The McCullough Bursary

- Contact: Email: [bridlewood@bellnet.ca](mailto:bridlewood@bellnet.ca) Tel: 416-497-5959
- Eligibility: The award is granted annually to students who are preparing for vocations in education, Christian ministry or missions, with special attention given to those working with children. The bursary is open to all students who meet the above criteria from any denomination.
- Application: Complete application (available online: [bridlewoodpc.org/mccullough-bursary](http://bridlewoodpc.org/mccullough-bursary))
- Deadline: June 15

## Westminster Presbyterian Church, Scarborough

### The Ralph Mohammed Memorial Bursary

- Contact: Clerk of Session  
Email: [admin@westminsterpresbyterianscarb.com](mailto:admin@westminsterpresbyterianscarb.com) Tel: 416-755-3007
- Eligibility: The Ralph Mohammed Memorial Bursary shall be made available annually to a university student, a student accepted by a university, or college student, with preference being given to a student studying for the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
- The bursary will be awarded using the following criteria:
- (a) To a member or adherent of Westminster who is a University student (or has been accepted as a university student) for the ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.
  - (b) To a member or adherent of Westminster who is a university student (or has been accepted as a university student).
  - (c) To a member or adherent of Westminster who is attending a community college (or has been accepted by a community college).
  - (d) If there have not been applicants from criteria (a), (b), or (c) the bursary shall be made available to a student studying for the ministry and who is sponsored by a congregation within the bounds of the Presbytery of Pickering.
- Application: Contact Clerk of Session
- Deadline: Applicants for the bursary shall be received before June 1, each year

## New St. James Presbyterian Church, London

### The A. H. (Bert) Hare Trust Fund

### The Charles G. Wainer and Ethel Wainer Trust Fund

New St. James Presbyterian Church has two bursary funds to assist theological students at the Masters and Doctoral levels. The Board of Trustees oversees the awards, the application process, and disbursements. Award values vary each year based on interest earned from the bursary funds.

- Contact: Board of Trustees of New St. James Presbyterian Church  
Email: [admin@newstjames.ca](mailto:admin@newstjames.ca) Tel: 519-434-1127  
New St. James Presbyterian Church  
280 Oxford Street East  
London ON N6A 1V4  
Attention: Trustees
- Eligibility: Eligibility: Students who have completed at least one year of theological studies in their current program may apply.  
Each award has additional criteria which may limit eligibility. See below.
- Application: Email [admin@newstjames.ca](mailto:admin@newstjames.ca) to request an application  
Submit the following documents by the deadline to the mailing address or email address above:
- Completed application form
  - Copy of all post secondary transcripts (unofficial is acceptable)
- Deadline: September 30 (fall term) or January 31 (winter term)

### The A. H. (Bert) Hare Trust Fund

The A. H. (Bert) Hare Trust is open to individuals enrolled in part-time or full-time Masters or Doctoral theological studies for the ministry or other professional careers in the church. Applicants must be currently enrolled in one of the theological institutions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) or at another ATS-accredited theological institution, and have completed at least one year of studies in their current program.

Students will be considered in the following order of priority:

- Students from the Presbytery of London
- Students from the Synod of Southwestern Ontario
- Students recommended by the Principals of Presbyterian College or Knox College or by the Dean of St. Andrew's Hall.

### The Charles G. Wainer and Ethel Wainer Trust Fund

The Charles G. Wainer and Ethel Wainer Trust Fund is open to members of churches within all presbyteries studying full-time for the ministry in the church.

### The Presbytery of Brandon

#### The Rev. H. Lloyd Henderson Memorial Bursary Fund

- Contact: Clerk of Presbytery
- Eligibility: The purpose of this bursary is to provide financial assistance to student ministers entering the ordained ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, who are members of congregations in the Presbytery of Brandon and the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Students not originating from the Presbytery of Brandon who accept student ministry appointments within the Presbytery or the Synod of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, during the months of May, June, July, and August, approved by the Presbyterian seminary they are attending, in any year of their studies are also eligible.

Application: Contact the clerk of presbytery for more information

Deadline: The convener informs the colleges of The Presbyterian Church in Canada of the bursary in February of each year, with a list of congregations looking for student ministers for the summer of that year.

## Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod

### Gladys Black Memorial Fund

Contact: Clerk of presbytery

Email: [calgarymacleodclerk@gmail.com](mailto:calgarymacleodclerk@gmail.com)

Eligibility: That the interest be used to assist students preparing for professional leadership in The Presbyterian Church in Canada and who are, at present, in one of the theological institutions of our Church in Canada, or in those recognized by our Church.

That students be considered in the following order:

(a) Students from within the bounds of the Presbytery of Calgary-MacLeod

(b) Students from within the Synod of Alberta

(c) Students suggested by the principals of our theological college

(d) Any Canadian student

(e) International students studying in Canada

Application: Applications for assistance from the fund be made in writing to the Clergy Care and Resource Committee

Deadline: On or before the last day of September

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS & BURSARIES FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

### Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership (ESTARL)

The Order of the Eastern Star (OES) supports a program of financial assistance to qualifying students pursuing a vocation in ministry. The annual awards are based on the funds available each year and the number of qualifying applicants.

- Contact:** Each province administers their own ESTARL program. Those wishing to apply for an ESTARL scholarship should contact the Grand Secretary of the province in which they reside. (<https://easternstar.org/feedback/grand-jurisdictions/>)
- Eligibility:** Scholarship fund for those who are going to school for the purpose of religious training.
- Application:** The best way to apply for an ESTARL is to find someone within your church or community who is a member of the Masons or the Order of the Eastern Star.
- Deadline:** The preferred time to apply is February. Interested applicants must communicate with a member of a local Chapter of the OES to ensure their application is received in time to be approved at their May meeting at the latest. Awards are announced at the OES Grand Chapter at the end of August each year.

### Theology Scholarships in Canada Database

<http://www.canadian-universities.net/Scholarships/Theology.html>

Theology scholarships awarded in Canada for higher education students. Includes scholarships, awards, prizes and bursaries in the field of Theology.

# ADVANCED DEGREE GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

## The Cameron Doctoral Bursary

The Cameron Doctoral Bursary fund provides grants to ministers, diaconal ministers and candidates for ministry within The Presbyterian Church in Canada engaged in academic doctoral studies (Ph.D., Th.D. or Ed.D. degrees). Awards will normally be made starting in the second year of the program and are based on the financial needs of the candidates. Further inquiries should be directed to the Principal Clerk ([ykim@presbyterian.ca](mailto:ykim@presbyterian.ca)).

## Louisville Institute

[louisville-institute.org](http://louisville-institute.org)

Funded by Lilly Endowment and based at Louisville Seminary, the Louisville Institute (LI) supports people who lead and study North American religious institutions, advancing scholarship that will contribute to church, academy, and wider society.

LI grants and fellowships support three strategic constituencies: pastors; early career scholars; and senior researchers and scholars.

### Grant Programs

- Four grant programs support religious and theological scholarship among three strategic constituencies: pastors, academics, and researchers for the broader church. You may apply to only one program during a given grant year, so carefully consider the program which is best for you.

### Fellowships

- Three fellowship programs support the formation of ecclesiastically engaged academics for teaching and scholarship that serves the church and its ministries. Each fellowship awards stipends and links junior scholars into dynamic peer cohorts.

### Collaborative Inquiry Teams

- Louisville Institute's Collaborative Inquiry Team (CIT) program supports teams typically of four to eight pastors and professors who propose projects to strengthen the life of North American Christian congregations.

## The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE)

[fteleaders.org](http://fteleaders.org)

The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) nurtures faithful, wise, courageous leaders for the church and the academy. It offers diverse young adults, students and partner organizations financial support and opportunities to develop leadership in the face of complex shifts in the church, economy and theological education.

FTE offers a number of grants and fellowships for students and church leaders such as:

- Doctoral fellowships for students of colour
- Grants and opportunities for Christian leaders and communities to cultivate young leaders for the church and academy

## The Priscilla and Stanford Reid Trust

[reidtrust.com](http://reidtrust.com)

Provisions in the wills of the late Dr. W. Stanford Reid and his wife Priscilla established a substantial trust fund “for the support of Reformed and Presbyterian theological education in Canada”. The fund welcomes applications from individuals, congregations, organizations and institutions for the purpose of promoting lectures, conferences, publications and other programs and projects that satisfy the objectives of the Trust.

Objectives of the Trust:

The Trust will seek to support initiatives to promote education within the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition.

- The Trust also offers scholarship assistance to worthy candidates who wish to pursue theological education or research, especially at a graduate level. (Special consideration will be given to applicants who are endeavouring to engage in such work while in mid-career.) To date these academic scholarship grants have been restricted to those working at a doctoral level.
- The Trust is not focused exclusively on academic or technical theological endeavours but sincerely welcomes proposals which would foster a popular presentation of and appreciation for our Reformed theological heritage.

## Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council

[sshrc-crsh.gc.ca](http://sshrc-crsh.gc.ca)

The Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) is the federal research funding agency that promotes and supports postsecondary-based research and research training in the humanities and social sciences. By focusing on developing *Talent*, generating *Insights* and forging *Connections* across campuses and communities, SSHRC strategically supports world-leading initiatives that reflect a commitment to ensuring a better future for Canada and the world.

Talent Program

- The goal of the Talent program is to support students and postdoctoral researchers in order to develop the next generation of researchers and leaders across society, both within academia and across the public, private and not-for-profit sectors.

Insights Program

- The goal of the Insight program is to build knowledge and understanding about people, societies and the world by supporting research excellence in all subject areas eligible for funding from SSHRC.

Connections Program

- The goal of the Connection program is to realize the potential of social sciences and humanities research for intellectual, cultural, social and economic influence, benefit and impact on and beyond the campus by supporting specific activities and tools that facilitate the flow and exchange of research knowledge.



# GENERAL CANADIAN SCHOLARSHIP DATABASES

## Universities Canada

[universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries-for-canadian-students](http://universitystudy.ca/plan-for-university/scholarships-grants-and-bursaries-for-canadian-students)

A comprehensive list of scholarships available to Canadian and International students. Scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies for various subjects and disciplines (not specifically theology).

## Scholarships Canada

[scholarshipscanada.com](http://scholarshipscanada.com)

Scholarship matching database service – matches available scholarships to your profile. Scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies for various subjects and disciplines (not specifically theology). Must create a free profile.

## Yconic

[yconic.com/money-for-school](http://yconic.com/money-for-school)

Scholarship, prize and contest matching database service – matches available scholarships to your profile. Scholarships for undergraduate, graduate and doctoral studies for various subjects and disciplines (not specifically theology). Must create a free profile.