

PURITAN REFORMED THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please complete every section of this form that pertains to you. Incomplete applications will be returned.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Country _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Gender: Male Female

Marital Status: Single Married Divorced Widowed

Children: (please include names and birth dates)

Anticipated Enrollment Year: 20_____

Fall Term: Fulltime Part-time

Number of credits: _____

Spring Term: Fulltime Part-time

Number of credits: _____

Year at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary

First Second Third Fourth

Which emphasis of the PhD/DMin program will you be enrolled in this year?

Historical Theology

Biblical Studies

Homiletics

For what type of ministry are you preparing? (Check all that apply)

Pastoral ministry in North America

Pastoral ministry in _____ (country)

International Missions

Domestic Missions

Theological Education

Are you currently ordained? Yes No

If yes, in which denomination?

Have you applied to other schools? Yes No

If yes, to what schools?

If English is not your first language, you must take the TOEFL or IELTS. You must demonstrate proficiency in English by scoring a minimum of 575 on the paper-based test or 89 on the internet-based test. The IELTS equivalent is 6.5. Please send test results to PRTS via email or postal mail. The PRTS TOEFL code is 0386.

If applying from a developing third world country, do you promise to return 75% of scholarship funds received if you do not return to minster in your native country or another developing third world country?

Yes No

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please read carefully and complete each section. Failure to do so may make you ineligible for aid. All figures are in US dollars (USD). The figures listed are the anticipated expenses in each area. If you anticipate your expenses to be significantly different from these numbers, please insert those figures.

Estimated Student Expenses

Tuition: \$ _____

Books: average cost/year = \$1,000

Living expenses: average cost/year = Add \$11,000 (single); \$22,000 (married)¹

Children: Add \$3,000 per child

Total estimated student costs/year: \$ _____

Other major expenses: U.S. federal law allows certain major items to be included in the budgeting for students. If you have expenses in the categories below, include the dollar amount. You must provide receipts or enrollment forms in order to budget these items.

Childcare: \$ _____

¹ This includes food, clothing, laundry, telephone, transportation, household items, personal items, and miscellaneous expenses.

Christian education: \$ _____ (Family contribution only)

Other major expenses: \$ _____

Explain: _____

Estimated Student Income (please report in US dollars)

The following information is included in order to calculate financial need. PRTS uses standard U.S. Federal Government procedures for calculating a student's financial need.

What was your adjusted gross income for the previous calendar year? Be sure to include with this completed application your most recent tax return (if applicable).

\$ _____

If applicable, what was your spouse's adjusted gross income for the previous calendar year?

\$ _____

What is the net worth of your (and, if applicable, your spouse's) current investments and assets? Include retirement plans, real estate, and other assets with current dollar values.

What is the current total balance in your checking and/or savings account(s)? \$ _____

List value of other current or expected scholarships: \$ _____

List value of current or expected church aid: \$ _____

Be sure to include with this completed application a letter from your home or supporting church that outlines their financial commitment and support of your seminary education (this is required even if they are unable to contribute any financial resources).

Any other current or expected aid: \$ _____

Estimated Student Debt

PRTS requires full disclosure of all financial indebtedness of all scholarship applicant. The information provided about indebtedness is intended to alert applicants of potentially heavy debt repayments they will face when they leave PRTS. It may also be used to alert an applicant's congregation and/or higher ecclesiastical bodies of the applicant's financial needs. This information will be kept confidential after submission.

Credit Card Debt

Name of credit card / Total amount owed / Current monthly payments

_____/_____/_____
_____/_____/_____

Auto Loans

Creditor (holder of the loan) / Total amount owed / Current monthly payments

_____ / _____ / _____

_____ / _____ / _____

Mortgages

Creditor (holder of the loan) / Total amount owed / Current monthly payments (including escrows such as property taxes and hazard insurance)

_____ / _____ / _____

Other Indebtedness (Personal, family, banks, etc.)

SCHOLARSHIPS APPLYING FOR

Please read and select the scholarships you are applying for. Be sure to read each description carefully; if further information or material is required, be sure to submit this along with this completed application. Failure to do so may make you ineligible for aid. *All figures are in US dollars (USD).*

As the scholarships for Master studies have been named after several Puritans, the annual scholarships for doctoral students in Historical Theology are named after leading universities of the Reformation and Post-reformation era.

Scholarships are available annually for full-time doctoral students **with a GPA of 3.7 or higher, who take at least five (5) courses per academic year**. Scholarships will be considered for students with a particular research interest.

In addition to the requirements as listed in the general PhD application, applicants for any of the named scholarships as listed below must submit the following by **June 1** to the scholarship committee secretary (henk.kleyn@prts.edu):

1. A detailed plan and rationale for the proposed research
2. An explanation of need for financial scholarship support
3. A 3000-word essay on an aspect of the proposed research
4. An ecclesial letter of reference stating both the financial assistance for the applicant and the support for the proposed research
5. Tax return of previous year

The Franeker Scholarship - \$12500.00 (1 available/year)

The University of Franeker, also known as "Academiae Franekerensis" was founded in 1585, but disbanded in 1811. The university was a stopover for many Puritans, escaping the Laudian persecution in England, on their way to New England. Renowned professors included William Ames (1576-1633), among many others. The doctoral program of

Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary resonates strongly with the motto of this former university: *Christo et Ecclesia*. The Franeker Scholarship is for research in English Puritanism and Post-reformation studies.

The Geneva Scholarship - \$10000.00 (1 available/year)

The University of Geneva was founded in 1559 by John Calvin (1509-1564), as a theological seminary. The international and lasting impact of training men for the ministry remains one of most significant testimonies of the Protestant Reformation. The motto of the university *Post tenebras lux* (Light after Darkness) marks the rediscovery of biblical truth in a time of spiritual darkness. The Geneva Scholarship is for research in Reformation studies.

The Academia Voetiana Scholarship - \$7500.00 (1 available/year)

The Utrecht Academy was founded in 1636, and is one of the oldest universities in the Netherlands. Under the leadership of Gisbertus Voetius (1589-1676), the university became one of the leading international place of studies of Reformed orthodoxy and piety in the 17th century. The motto of the university *Sol Iustitiae Illustra Nos* (Sun of Righteousness shine upon us) is indispensable for students and faculty. The Academia Voetiana Scholarship is for research in Post-reformation studies.

The Neustadt Scholarship - \$ 5000.00 (2 available/year)

The Neustadt College or the Casimirianum was founded in 1578 by John Casimir of the Palatinate, when the University of Heidelberg was cleared of Reformed teaching. Biblical commentator Johannes Piscator (1546-1625) and theologian Zacharias Ursinus (1534-1583) were leading professors of the college. The Neustadt Scholarship is for Reformation and Post-reformation studies.

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I CERTIFY THAT:

- A. I have read all information pertaining to the regulations for applying for financial aid from the PRTS Scholarship Fund.
- B. Any financial aid I receive will be used solely for expenses related to attendance at PRTS.
- C. If I attend another educational institution at any time while enrolled at PRTS, and if I receive financial aid to attend that school, I will inform PRTS of the aid received.
- D. I will report to PRTS any other financial aid I receive. I understand that if I receive aid in addition to what I receive from PRTS, PRTS will evaluate other aid and may make adjustments if warranted.
- E. All of the information provided on this form is fully and honestly submitted to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

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FILE CHECKLIST:

- This application
- Federal Tax Return for previous calendar year
- One recommendation form from current PRTS faculty member (applies only to **returning** students)
- Letter from your home church explaining their financial commitment and support of your pursuit of seminary education (required even if they are unable to contribute any financial resources)
- Any additional information/material (as may be required for specific scholarships)

Due dates for this completed application and all relevant material: **June 1**