

# 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)

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**Anticipated Enrollment Year:** 20\_\_\_\_\_

Fall Term:  Fulltime  Part-time

Number of credits: \_\_\_\_\_ (see specific criteria per scholarship description)

Spring Term:  Fulltime  Part-time

Number of credits: \_\_\_\_\_ (see specific criteria per scholarship description)

### Year at Puritan Reformed Theological Seminary

First  Second  Third  Fourth

### Which program will you be enrolled in this year?

Master of Divinity (MDiv)

Master of Arts in Religion (MAR)

Master of Theology (ThM)

### 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?

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**Have you applied to other schools?**  Yes  No

If yes, to what schools?

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**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 minister 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: # of annual credits expected \_\_\_\_\_ X \$250/credit = \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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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

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\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

**Auto Loans**

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

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**Mortgages**

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

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

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**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).*

**Need-based Scholarships (Check each scholarship applying for)**

**The Perkins Scholarship – \$4500.00 (8 available/year)**

Eight \$4500 annual scholarships for any male MDiv student from North America desiring to pursue ordained ministry. The Perkins Scholarship is based on financial need; the recipient must maintain 14 credits/semester (or 28 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA.

NB: Tuition for 28 credits at \$250 = \$7000.00; the Perkins Scholarship is thus a partial-tuition scholarship.

**The Owen Scholarship – \$4000.00 (2 available/year)**

Two \$4000 annual scholarships for any MA student from North America. The Owen Scholarship is based on financial need; the recipient must maintain 14 credits/semester (or 28 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA.

NB: Tuition for 28 credits at \$250 = \$7000.00; the Owen Scholarship is thus a partial-tuition scholarship.

### **The Ames Scholarship – \$4000.00 (2 available/year)**

Two \$4000 annual scholarships for any ThM student from North America. The Ames Scholarship is based on financial need; the recipient must maintain 7.5 credits/semester (or 15 credits/annum) and a minimum 3.0 GPA.

NB: Tuition for 28 credits at \$250 = \$7000.00; the Ames Scholarship is thus a partial-tuition scholarship.

### **The Bradstreet Scholarship – \$4000.00 (2 available/year)**

Two \$4000 annual scholarships for any female student desiring to enter into the MA or ThM program. The Bradstreet Scholarship is based on financial need; MA recipients must maintain 14 credits/semester (or 28 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA, and ThM recipients must maintain 7.5 credits/semester (or 15 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA. If there are no female applicants for this scholarship, the Bradstreet Scholarship can be awarded to a male applicant.

NB: Tuition for 28 credits at \$250 = \$7000.00; tuition for 15 credits at \$250 = \$3750. The Bradstreet Scholarship is thus a partial-tuition scholarship for MA students, and a full-tuition scholarship for ThM students.

### **The Flavel Scholarship – \$16000.00 (1 available/year)**

One \$16000 annual scholarship for any MDiv, MA, or ThM student with a physical or sensory disability (e.g., visually impaired). MDiv/MA recipients of the Flavel Scholarship must maintain 14 credits/semester (or 28 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA, and ThM recipients of the Flavel Scholarship must maintain 7.5 credits/semester (or 15 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA. If no applicant meets this description, the Flavel Scholarship can be awarded to other applicants at the discretion of the scholarship committee.

## **Matching or Merit-based Scholarships (Check each scholarship applying for)**

### **The Sibbes Scholarship – \$3000.00 (3 available/year)**

Three matching annual scholarships up to \$3000 each. The Sibbes Scholarship is awarded to any MDiv, MA, or ThM student whose church agrees to financially support their studies. The Sibbes Scholarship is not based on financial need, and is open to part-time students (a minimum of 12 credits/annum is required). NB: Students may be able to receive both a non-merit based and merit-based scholarship.

### **The Goodwin Scholarship – \$2000.00 (7 available/year)**

Seven merit-based annual scholarships of \$2000. Recipients of the Goodwin Scholarship must demonstrate a strong potential for ministry, possess at least a 3.5 GPA (or equivalent) on their undergraduate transcript, submit an additional 1000-word essay outlining their future ministerial plans/desires, and maintain a minimum of 8 credits/annum. NB: Students may be able to receive both a non-merit based and merit-based scholarship.

### **The Open Door Scholarship – \$10,000.00 (1 available/year)**

One \$10,000 annual scholarship for a Korean-American MDiv student desiring to serve in the inner-cities of the US. Preference will be given to those pursuing ordination in a Reformed or Presbyterian denomination. In the case that no Korean-American applicant meets the criteria, the scholarship will be granted to any applicant whose aspiration is to either plant a church or to work in a para-church ministry in the inner-city. If still no applicant meets the criteria, the scholarship shall be dispersed at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee. The recipient of The Open Door Foundation Scholarship must demonstrate a strong potential for inner-city ministry, as well as submit a 1000-word essay on his philosophy of inner-city ministry. The recipient must maintain 14 credits per semester (or 28 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA. NB: Students may be able to receive both a non-merit based and merit-based scholarship.

## **International Scholarships (check if applying for)**

### **The Rutherford Scholarship – amount and number varies**

A variety of annual scholarships (amount varies) for any international student desiring to enter into the MDiv, MA, or ThM program. The Rutherford Scholarship is based on merit and financial need; MDiv & MA recipients must maintain 14 credits/semester (or 28 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA, and ThM recipients must maintain 7.5 credits/semester (or 15 credits/annum) and a 3.0 GPA.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

A typed signature in the field above will be counted as an official signature.

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**FILE CHECKLIST**

**(Check off and ensure that the following is submitted; incomplete applications will not be considered):**

- 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** for fall semester start

**November 1** for spring semester start