

## Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery Grant and Scholarship Programs

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery seeks to be an active partner in ministry with our congregations and their leaders. To that end, mission grants for churches and scholarships for individuals are available with the goal of strengthening our congregations and equipping them to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ.

These financial resources are available for a wide variety of ministry activities including:

- Grants to congregations for Mission and Evangelism Opportunities
- Grants to congregations for Education and Learning Programs
- Grants for Congregational Support/Revitalization
- Scholarships for individuals for Ministry Enrichment and Leadership Development

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery's Grants and Scholarships are provided as matching funds for congregations and individuals. The general guidelines are:

- For congregations: Up to 50% of the total cost
- For individuals: Up to 33% of the total cost
- These guidelines can be adjusted under compelling circumstances.

The primary intent of the **Mission Grant Program** is to provide "start-up" funds for congregational programs and/or activities. Mission Grants will not normally be awarded for the same program in successive years.

**Congregations** applying for Mission Grants will be asked to identify how the grant will be used and the expected results of the programs or activities funded by the grant.

Priority will be given to proposals which (1) engage their communities in ministry and (2) have not previously been funded by the presbytery.

Grant funds are not available for church maintenance or repair costs. However, limited funds may be available to assist congregations in paying for emergency repairs or handicap accessibility issues.

The Presbytery also offers **Ministry Enrichment Scholarships** to assist and encourage congregational leaders to develop ministry skills for use within their congregations and their communities. Examples for the uses of these funds would include continuing education events, retreats, conferences, pastoral coaching, spiritual direction, and other such programs/events/activities that equip leaders for ministry work.

**Individuals** applying for these scholarships must be members of congregations within Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery or members of the Presbytery itself. Priority will be given to Ruling Elders and members of EOP congregations who do not have other sources of funds for continuing education or leadership development, for Commissioned Pastors and for Certified Ruling Elders. Priority will also be given to those who have not previously received scholarship funds from the presbytery.

Individuals may apply for multiple scholarships, but the cumulative amount of scholarships shall not exceed \$2,000.00 per year.

Thanks to a generous gift in memory of Bess Coe, EOP is also able to offer **Small Church Ministry Grants** to encourage EOP congregations to develop innovative ideas for ministry. Funds for technology equipment and support are available. These funds can also be used to assist churches in paying for pulpit supply services. Small churches are defined as those with no more than 150 members and average worship attendance of no more than 75 persons as verified by the most recent General Assembly Statistical Reports on file for the congregation.

Congregations and individuals receiving grant and/or scholarship funds will be expected to **submit a written report** detailing the impacts which the event(s) had on the recipient's ministry activities.

Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery has also set aside designated funds for church building improvements for our **Native American congregations**. These funds are administered by the Native American Work Group.

The EOP Finance and Mission Grant Work Group reserves the right (1) to make the final determination regarding which funds best address a particular mission grant or scholarship request and (2) to modify these guidelines to meet changing circumstances.

Additional funding sources may be available through programs offered by the Synod of the Sun, Mid-Council governing bodies, and the PCUSA.

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## Grant and Scholarship Application Process

### The application process

Applications may be submitted at any time throughout the year and should be sent to:

**Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery  
Attn: Finance and Grants Work Group  
700 S Boston, #200  
Tulsa, OK 74119**

Upon receipt of an application, the Finance & Grants Work Group will assign one of its members to contact the applicant in order to develop a working relationship with them during the application process.

The Finance & Grants Work Group has a stated meeting on the second Thursday of each month but can schedule called meetings if necessary.

Applications will be presented for discussion at the first available meeting after the receipt of the application and contact with the applicant by a member of the Work Group.

Upon approval of an application by the Finance and Grants Work Group the funds will be made available to the applicant.

All congregations and individuals who receive funds are expected to provide a report on the use of the funds as set forth and agreed to in the application document.

The awarding of grants and scholarships will be reported at the next meeting of the EOP Coordinating Council.

Please contact the presbytery office (918-582-3077) if you have any questions about the grant or scholarship programs or the application process.



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## APPLICATION FORM

# MISSION AND SMALL CHURCH GRANT PROGRAMS

Please provide the following information (on no more than 5 typed pages):

1. Name of Church (please include the city)
2. Name of Individual Making the Application
3. Who will answer questions about your application?
  - a. Name
  - b. Email Address
  - c. Day/Evening Phone
4. What type of program/activity/event do you want to offer?
  - a. Please describe the nature or purpose of your proposed program/activity/event.
  - b. Whom are you trying to reach? How many will be potentially reached by your efforts?
  - c. What resources will you be using?
  - d. When and where (day of week and time) will the program/activity/event happen?
  - e. What is the timeline for the program/activity/event?
  - f. How will the congregation be involved (financially and personally)?
  - g. Use of funds:
    - i. How will presbytery funds be used?
    - ii. What is the program/activity/event's total budget?
    - iii. How much are you requesting from Eastern Oklahoma Presbytery?
    - iv. How will you proceed if the Presbytery is not able to grant all of your request?
    - v. Note that Presbytery's Grant funds are generally limited to a maximum of 50% of the cost of the program/activity/event.

- h. When do you plan to begin your program/activity/event?
- i. How will the program/activity/event be managed?
- j. By what standards will you evaluate the impact or results of your program/activity/event (please be as specific as you can)?
- k. Do you expect this program/activity/event to increase worship participation and/or monthly giving to the church.

5. What is the date of Session approval for the proposed program/activity/event?

6. Has your Session:

- a. Completed the most recent General Assembly Statistical Report?
- b. Had its Session records reviewed and approved?
- c. Had a representative (other than your pastor) at either a Presbytery or a Regional Ministry Team meeting?
- d. Contributed to the Presbytery's Mission Budget for the current year?

Mission Grant recipients are expected to prepare and submit a report on the results and impacts of the program/activity/event.

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# MINISTRY ENRICHMENT Scholarship Application

Please provide the following information (on no more than 3 typed pages):

1. Contact information of Applicant (name, complete address, telephone number, email)
2. Name of congregation of which the Applicant is a member
3. How have you been active in your congregation? How have you been active in the Larger Church?
4. Purpose of scholarship – please describe the development opportunity, including location, date, sponsoring organization, and primary learning goal.
5. Personal goals – please describe how you expect this event or course of study to enhance your personal skills and gifts for ministry.
6. Describe your Session's expectation of your learning and how might that learning be shared within the congregation.
7. What is the estimated budget for your event or course of study? How much are you requesting from the Presbytery?
8. It is expected that the scholarship will be equal to no more than half of the cost of the ministry enrichment opportunity. The other half of the cost being paid by the individual, through other continuing education funds, and/or the individual's Session.

Scholarship recipients are expected to prepare and submit a report on the results/impacts of the Ministry Enrichment activity or event attended.

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# MINISTRY ENRICHMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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1. Contact information of Applicant (name, mailing address, telephone number, email)
2. Name of congregation of which the Applicant is a member
3. How have you been active in your congregation? How have you been active in the Larger Church?
4. Purpose of scholarship – please describe the development opportunity, including location, date, sponsoring organization, and primary learning goal.
5. Personal goals – please describe how you expect this event or course of study to enhance your personal skills and gifts for ministry.
6. Describe your Session's expectation of your learning and how might that learning be shared within the congregation.
7. What is the estimated budget for your event or course of study? How much are you requesting from the Presbytery?
8. It is expected that the scholarship will be equal to no more than one-third of the cost of the ministry enrichment opportunity with the balance of the costs being paid by the individual, by other educational fund sources, and/or by the Applicant's Session.

Scholarship recipients are expected to prepare and submit a report on the results and impacts of the Ministry Enrichment activity or event attended.

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