Medical Education for Mission Service

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Office of Financial Aid for Service



#### Introduction

The Dorothy M. Marschner fund for medical education is used to make mission service possible by relieving female Presbyterian physicians of the burden of repaying student loans while engaged in mission service. Applicants are eligible for up to \$35,000 per year of loan repayment assistance, paid directly to the student loan servicer quarterly after verification of the applicant's continuing employment as a practicing physician in the mission field.

The total lifetime benefit a single applicant may receive from the Marschner fund is \$70,000.

In addition to mission work under the direction of, or in participation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), eligible service might include service with a medical humanitarian organization, or service in a <u>Health Professional Shortage Area</u>. The Marschner fund will provide assistance to one to two doctors per year. Applicants must be recommended by their Pastor or Clerk of Session, and must express a commitment to mission service in their essay.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

Eligible applicant will be a female member of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) who is:

- Licensed to practice medicine.
- Engaged in service in the capacity of a physician in a medical mission field
- With educational debt in excess of the amount awarded.
- A U.S. citizen.

#### **Preferences**

- Mission work under the direction of, or in partnership with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- Applicants with educational debt in excess of \$100,000

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#### Organizing Your Application

There are elements of information that we need in the Office of Financial Aid for Service to keep your application organized and to provide you with information about your progress to completion of the application. Please complete the Getting Started section as soon as possible and send that to us by mail, fax, or email.

Applicants that provide an email address are updated weekly with the status of their application.

The essay and CV may be sent in as they are completed by you.

You will need to give the Church Membership form to your pastor or clerk of session to complete and return to us.

#### Our Process

Awarded on a first come, first served basis to applicants in mission service with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). with educational debt in excess of \$100,000. All other applicants evaluated quarterly.

Students will be notified of selection, and if selected, will be awarded up to \$35,000 per year.

#### Contact



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### **Getting Started**

Name		SSN	
Address			_
Сіту	STATE		ZIP
PHONE (DAY)	EMAIL		
HOME CHURCH	СІТҮ		STATE
<b>Information about Your Mission</b>			
Mission Agency		Country	
Field of Medicine		Term of Servi	ce
Reporting Official Name		Phone	
Email		Fax	

### Information about Your Student Loan(s)

If you have consolidated and are unable to separate debt by program, use the column that corresponds to the last degree earned.

Loan	Undergrad	Graduate	Post Graduate	
Federal				
Private				
Total				
Educational debt is verified by credit report. PCUSA requests a credit report for all				

#### **Attachments:**

- Most recent statement from student loan servicing agent.
- Essay (Read 1 Cor. 12: 4-7. Define "common good" in your own words. What is a gift that you have been given for the common good? How do you use your gift serving the common good?)
- Curriculum Vitae
- License to practice medicine
- Church Membership/Pastor's Endorsement



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#### **Applicant Name**

## Church Membership

#### To Be Completed by Pastor or Clerk of Session

If the applicant is related to the pastor, another church officer should complete the endorsement.

The person named above is applying for a grant from the Dorothy M. Marschner fund for the medical education of Presbyterian women who are committed to serving at least two years in the mission field as a practicing physician. In order to be considered for award the applicant must respond to an essay question and seek a recommendation from the pastor or clerk of session at the church they have attended.

We invite you to engage with the applicant in their discernment of a call to medical mission. The essay question is: What does it mean to be gifted by God and called by God to a life of service?

Applicants are instructed to read 1 Cor. 12: 4-7. Define "common good" in your own words. What is a gift that you have been given for the common good? How do you use your gift serving the common good?

We ask that the endorser comment on the gifts that been obser	
community. (Please respond in the space below, or attach a lett	er)
The above named applicant is a member, participating in the	ne life of the community named below.
Endorsed by:	
<b>,</b>	
Signature	Date
Printed Name	Title
Church/Worshipping Community	Presbytery
Phone Number (Day)	Email

### Mailing Address/Contact Information

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#### **Applicant Name**

## Mission Agency

#### To Be Completed by Representative of Mission Agency

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Dedication

In loving memory of Agnes Vetter Marschner and Dorothy M. Marschner, for the specific purpose of providing for the medical education of a Presbyterian female who is a citizen of the United States and who will agree to serve in the medical mission field in the capacity of a medical physician for at least two (2) years.

Preference in this program is reserved to physician's requesting debt assistance who are engaged in mission service at the direction of, or in partnership with, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), other medical humanitarian aid organizations, and lastly, for physicians serving in a Health Professional Shortage Area.

To complete the application, there is information we require from the mission agency or practice the applicant plans to serve to determine if the service meets the donor's intent. We also request the designation of a reporting official who will be able to respond to requests to confirm that the applicant is serving in the capacity of a medical physician.

Mission Agency	Country	_
Field of Medicine	Term of Service	
		Mailing Address
Reporting Official Name	Phone	
Email	Fax	_
		Location of Practice
Type of Organization:  Humanitarian Medical HPSA		
Affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?	Yes No Other:	
Briefly describe the organization's mission:		

Who do you serve? Tell us about your client populations and their needs.
Describe the applicant/physician's responsibilities (or attach a Position Description):
Describe the applicantly physician's responsibilities (or attach a rosition Description).
What impact does this position have on the needs of the clients/community that the organization serves?
Is the applicant receiving assistance with educational debt from your organization?   Yes   No  If yes, please provide a summary of the benefits that the applicant received from your organization to reduce educational debt.
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