

Presbytery of Milwaukee

THE REV. DR. MARGARET E. TOWNER SCHOLARSHIP



BACKGROUND

At the September 2007 meeting of the Presbytery of Milwaukee, the Presbytery accepted the gift of the Dr. Margaret E. Towner Scholarship Fund from the Delafield Presbyterian Church with its accompanying minimum of \$3,165 and assumed responsibility for its administration through appropriate committee process. The Committee for the Preparation for Ministry was assigned the task of developing guidelines and administering the Towner scholarship.

OBJECTIVE

- To honor Dr. Margaret E. Towner, the first woman ordained in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. by The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse in 1956.
- To provide financial support to women currently enrolled in theological education and are under care of a Presbytery for ordination as a Teaching Elder

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Member of a Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
- Under care of a Presbytery as either an Inquirer or Candidate
- Able to demonstrate financial need

CRITERIA

- Seeking ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the PCUSA
- Recommended by an elder in the PCUSA
- Demonstrating qualities of Christian character and leadership as reflected in contributions to church and seminary
- Submit a 500-1000 word essay
- E-mail your completed applications to: agibbs@pbymilwaukee.org

AWARDS

- Applications may be submitted annually for a maximum of four years
- Awarded on annual basis
- Award amount will be based on available funding

Margaret Towner Scholarship Application

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Home church, address, and phone

*Please attach a brief letter of recommendation from an ordained pastor or elder in the PCUSA.

Presbytery of Care _____ Date of Candidacy _____

Seminary _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____

Financial need – Please attach a financial statement listing anticipated annual income and expenses for the coming year

Essay – Please attach a 500-1000 word essay on the following topic:

As the first woman ordained to ministry in the PCUSA, Rev. Towner is an inspiration to others. What female minister, professor, author, mentor, etc. inspires you or has influenced your call to ministry and in what ways?

Submission – Please send the completed application and attached documents to:
Presbytery of Milwaukee
Subject: Margaret Towner Scholarship
agibbs@pbymilwaukee.org

Applicant Signature _____

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Application received by _____ Date _____