

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS POLICIES

Any PC(U.S.A.) affiliated organization within the Synod of South Atlantic may apply for grants.

Recipient organizations become partners with the synod upon approval. As such, the synod requires that a follow up impact assessment be submitted within 6 months of the project/program completion or implementation of an ongoing ministry.

Grants/Scholarships will not be remitted directly to an individual person/applicant. Instead, funds will be remitted to the church, presbytery, college, seminary, event, or sponsoring 501(c)3 organization.

Applications may require endorsement by a session, presbytery, or institution. Some may require a letter of recommendation from the presbytery of membership. Every grant or scholarship application is forwarded to presbytery leadership for comment prior to consideration by the committee.

Recipient organizations will, wherever project/program funding is mentioned, acknowledge the Synod of South Atlantic as a partner.

Grants Decision Making Process:

Each application is considered in light of the synod's demographic region. This distribution of funds, in so much as possible, will reflect this diversity of needs and geography.

- 3 states
- 16 presbyteries
- 9 covenant partnerships
- Large diversity of membership

Where applicable, priority will be given to applicants that represent partnerships with two or more congregations, presbyteries, institutions related to synod by covenant, and multicultural missions/ministries.

Many grants originate from funding sources that carry donor restrictions. Those restrictions will be strictly followed by the committee.

Applications submitted no later than midnight of the deadline will generally be considered within 3 weeks. Late applications will not be considered but *may* be held for the next grant period.

Generally, grants will not be disbursed in arrears of the project/program.

Comments by presbytery leadership will be considered with each application.

Scholarship Decision Making Process:

Scholarships are open to those PC(USA) members and students from within the Synod of South Atlantic.

Priority for seminary scholarships shall be given to persons pursuing the M.Div. degree or its equivalent, or other presbytery-approved programs, in preparation for meeting the requirements for various ministry vocations, including parish ministry.