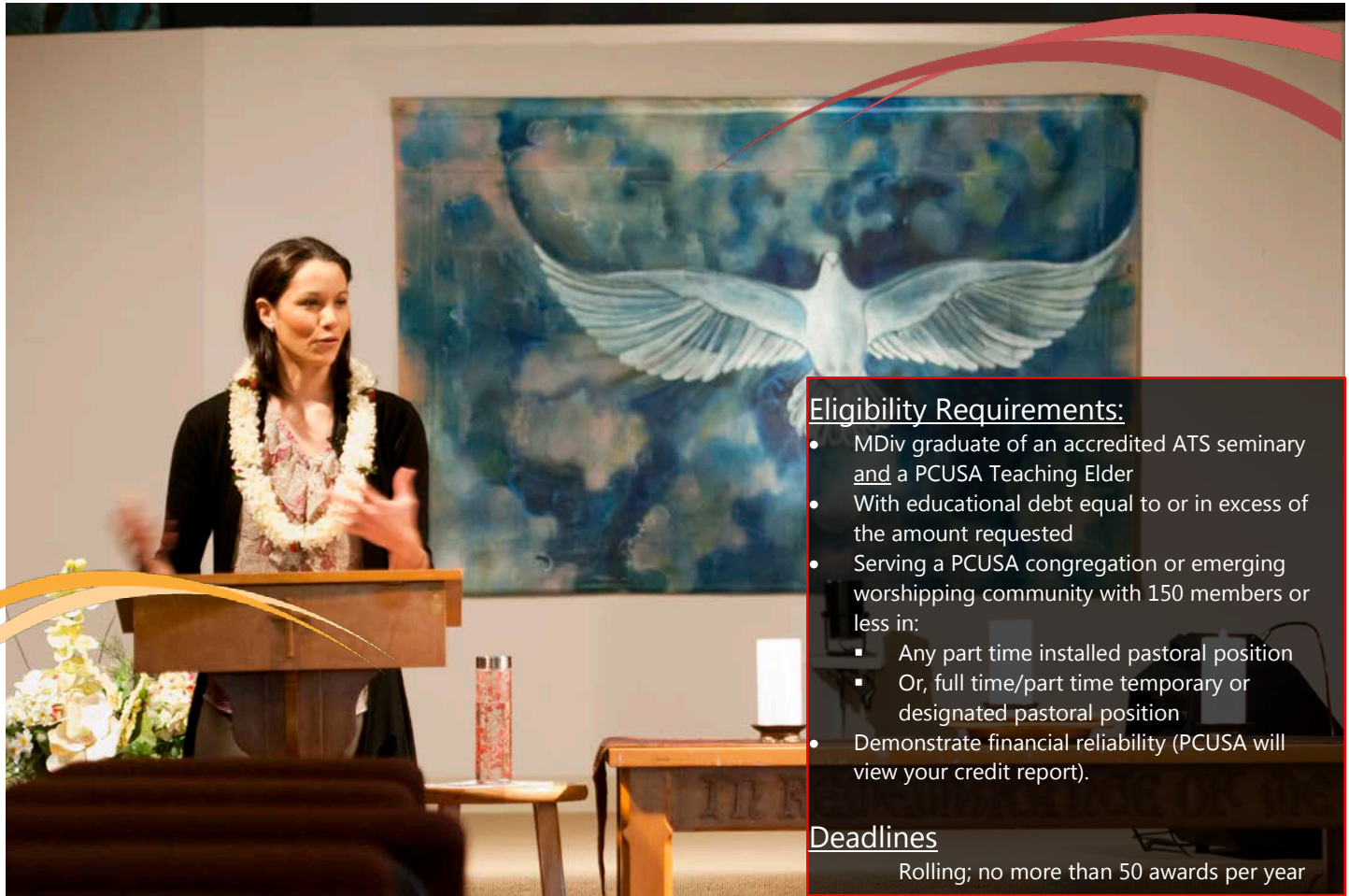


Transformational Leadership Debt Assistance

A woman with dark hair, wearing a black top and a lei, stands at a wooden podium. Behind her is a large painting of a white dove with outstretched wings against a blue and green background. To the right of the woman, there is a small table with a red vase and a white candle. The entire scene is framed by a red curved line at the top right.

Eligibility Requirements:

- MDiv graduate of an accredited ATS seminary and a PCUSA Teaching Elder
- With educational debt equal to or in excess of the amount requested
- Serving a PCUSA congregation or emerging worshipping community with 150 members or less in:
 - Any part time installed pastoral position
 - Or, full time/part time temporary or designated pastoral position
- Demonstrate financial reliability (PCUSA will view your credit report).

Deadlines

Rolling; no more than 50 awards per year

Introduction

The Transformational Leadership Debt Assistance is seeking up to 50 culturally proficient, adaptive and innovative, critically thinking and emotionally intelligent Christ-like pastors called to serve where they are needed to lead small PCUSA congregations or emerging worshipping communities. The goal is to help reduce educational debt acquired by seminary graduates called to minister to communities without means to install a full-time pastor.

Eligible applicants apply after they have begun serving in a pastoral position that meets the requirements. Applications are evaluated by staff to determine if the applicant is eligible for the TLDA Loan. Eligible borrowers are provided with links to additional elements of the application to complete. Awards ranging from \$3000 to \$5000 are made in June and November.

Upon acceptance, the proceeds of the PCUSA Transformational Leadership Debt Assistance will be paid to the borrower's educational debt servicing agency. *This is a loan.* The condition for loan forgiveness is continuous service for 18 months in a PCUSA congregation with 150 members or less in any part-time installed pastoral position or full-time/part-time temporary pastoral position. If the forgiveness condition is not met, the loan must be repaid, with interest.

If selected, the borrower's 18 month period of service will start no earlier than January 1, 2015 or the start date of eligible service.

PCUSA educational loans are managed under loan administration policies established by the Office of Financial Aid for Service. A complete copy of loan policies is located at www.pcusa.org/edloan-guidelines. Questions about the program? Contact Financial Aid for Service at 800-728-7228 ext. 5735 or email finaid@pcusa.org.



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Application

Information About the Applicant

NAME

SSN

DATE OF BIRTH

MAILING ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE)

PHONE (DAY)

EMAIL

LAST DEGREE EARNED

GRAD YEAR

UNIVERSITY OR SEMINARY

CHURCH

PRESBYTERY

☐ FULL TIME

☐ PART TIME

START DATE

ANTICIPATED END DATE (TEMPORARY/DESIGNATED ONLY)

Information About Your Educational Debt

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

Educational Debt	Undergraduate	Graduate	Post Graduate
Federal			
Private			
Total			

Private Educational debt may have been offered with less favorable terms—if you have federal and private loans, attach a copy of the promissory note or disclosures for the private loan.

Attach

✓ Most Recent Statement of account from student loan servicing agency

And Send by Fax . . .

502-569-8766

Email . . .

finaid@pcusa.org

Or Mail

Office of Financial Aid for Studies
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202

Release and Disclosure

I am requesting loan from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). I understand that I may be offered an educational loan with loan forgiveness for Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) pastors serving small PC (USA) congregations in part-time or temporary pastoral positions. The loan is eligible for loan forgiveness after the borrower completes 18 months of continuous service in an eligible call. If the loan forgiveness requirements are not met, the loan must be repaid with interest. The information that I have provided for this application is true and accurate. I understand that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will use information in my credit report to determine financial reliability; I also understand that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be required to contact the Presbytery I am a member of to obtain information pertinent to assessment of my application for a grant and/or eligibility for the loan and/or forgiveness.

SIGNATURE

DATE

TLDA
Oct 2014



PROMOTING
EDUCATION FOR
A LIFETIME OF
DISCIPLESHIP

Mail, Fax, or Email Application and Attachment

Mailing Address & Contact Information

Office of Financial Aid for Service
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202-1396
Toll Free: 800-728-7228 ext. 5224
Fax: 502-569-8766
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Managing Educational Debt

Financial Aid for Service provides information about managing educational debt to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) members and pastors. We urge TLDA applicants to explore their repayment options.

Income Based Repayment (IBR)

The Pay As You Earn initiative presents two ways to reduce risk of default, and enhances existing repayment plans for Direct borrowers.

If you graduated since 2011 and borrowed since 2010-11, you are probably a Direct loan borrower. *Borrowers with debt acquired prior to 2010-11 may have combinations of Direct, FFELP, and Perkins loans.*

Initiatives:

- Allow Direct borrowers to cap their student loan payments at 10% of discretionary income (Income Based Repayment).
- Improve Ease of Making Payments and Reduce Default Risk by Consolidating (FFELP/Perkins to Direct) Loans

Benefits of Income Based Repayment:

- Effective January 2012, will allow borrowers to cap student loan payments at 10% of discretionary income.
- If IBR payment does not meet or exceed interest accrual, the federal government will subsidize the difference for the first three years in IBR.

Adjusted Gross Income	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$35,000
2013 IBR Monthly Payment	\$0	\$0	\$30	\$72	\$114	\$155

Note: The chart above assumes family size is 1 (borrower, no spouse or dependents). Discretionary income allowances for IBR are sensitive to family size.

Benefits of Consolidation:

- Provides access to Income Based Repayment for FFELP and Perkins borrowers.
- Borrowers receiving multiple statements may be able to reduce the number of bills they are receiving, simplifying payment.
- Borrowers would also receive up to a 0.5% reduction to their interest rate on some of their loans
 - 0.25% interest rate reduction on their consolidated FFELP loans, and
 - Additional 0.25% interest rate reduction on the entire consolidated FFELP and DL balance.

Actions to Take:

- Visit the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)
http://www.nsls.ed.gov/nsls_SA/
- Go to the IBR calculator to determine if IBR will benefit you
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/IBRCalc.jsp>

Make Your Educational Debt Work for You

Using Loan Management Tools

Borrowers can request deferment, forbearance, or income based repayment in order to suspend payment or reach an affordable payment or maintain the loan in good standing while the borrower is without income or gainful employment.

Seminary graduates should be familiar with these tools—students are required to participate in a student loan exit interview prior to graduation. Discomfort with indebtedness, denial about the gravity of defaulted student loan debt, and a reluctance to acknowledge that there is a problem may keep borrowers from asking for help.

Board of Pensions offers plan members financial counseling services through the Employee Assistance Program. Visit www.pensions.org and search for Employee Assistance Program.

Contact Loan Servicer If

- You are unable to make a payment
- You are moving
- You have not received a statement and you are no longer attending

Requesting Deferment/Forbearance

This is a fairly simple process that requires documentation. Borrowers request deferment or forbearance forms from the agency servicing the loan(s). It takes about five minutes to complete the one-page form. Additional documentation may be required. The loan status is not changed by requesting deferment/forbearance, or by submitting the form. The loan servicer must receive and act on the information.

Unemployment deferment and forbearance requests may require verification that the borrower is seeking employment full-time (at least 30 hours) in any field, at any salary or responsibility level and have registered with a public or private employment agency. (NOTE: School placement offices and "temporary" agencies do not qualify as public or private employment agencies, and seeking a call through Church Leadership Connection does not satisfy the 'any field' requirement). Call seekers with federal student loan debt should register with employment services. To find employment services, visit www.servicelocator.org and search by zip code or state.

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