

THE CRE (COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER) SCHOLARSHIP FUND

THE CRE (COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER) SCHOLARSHIP FUND is a way that the Presbytery of East Iowa (PEIA) seeks to support Ruling Elders (RE's) who answer God's call to serve as commissioned lay pastors within PEIA. (see *Book of Order 2025-2027, Commissioning Ruling Elders to Particular Pastoral Service: Commissioning G-2.1002*).

PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA

- A fund for candidates for commissioned lay pastoral leadership within East Iowa Presbytery.
- A fund administered by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) from East Iowa Presbytery.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Applicants must be a current Ruling Elder of a church within the bounds of East Iowa Presbytery. They must be working towards commissioned status or currently commissioned.

HOW ARE STUDENTS SUPPORTED?

The Presbytery of East Iowa provides financial reimbursement through this fund to Elders who are enrolled at an approved institution. These may include University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Union Presbyterian Seminary (Richmond), Synod of Lakes and Prairies Lay Academy, Omaha Presbyterian Seminary Foundation, or others approved by CPM. These courses may be completed online or in person.

As Elders come under the care of our East Iowa Presbytery Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), we will prescribe the preparation process and formal instruction as appropriate.

The cost for the course may be reimbursed from this fund. The cost of books, travel or other costs that may be necessary for course completion will not be reimbursed from this fund.

There will be a two course limit per participant per year.

Reimbursement requires that the student complies with communication requirements.

COMMUNICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Students will ensure that CPM receives a copy of confirmation from the approved institution when the student is enrolled in a required course. This communication should be sent within two weeks of the enrollment date. A copy is required to accompany the voucher for reimbursement.
- Students will ensure that CPM receives a copy of the course completion letter sent by the institution. This letter, indicating that the student completed the course successfully, is required for vouchered reimbursement. A completed voucher shall be submitted to CPM for each successfully completed course. ***In the event that a course was not completed or was not completed successfully, CPM will not reimburse the cost of the course.***

THE CRE (COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER) SCHOLARSHIP FUND EXPENSE VOUCHER

Instructions:

All expenses must be turned in within 30 days of successful course completion.

Attach course enrollment receipt that shows cost of course to this pdf-formatted form.

Attach course completion letter from approved institution that shows this course was completed successfully to this pdf-formatted form.

Please note: Books and travel costs will not be reimbursed from this fund.

Send pdf-formatted form and attachments to:

PEIA CRE Scholarship Fund, PO Box 5123, Coralville, IA 52241

Make check payable to _____

Mailing Address: _____

Requester's Signature _____ Date _____

Requester's email address _____

Requester's cell phone number _____

Name of Course _____

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY USE ONLY

Date Received _____ Date Approved by CPM _____

Amount Awarded _____ Date Sent to PEIA Treasurer _____

For Treasurer Only _____

Date Paid

Check #