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The Robert C. Bos Seminary Education Scholarship Award

Background Information

Robert Bos was raised in a Christian home, the second son of a family of four boys. The church was an important part of his family life. While in junior high school, he began to give serious consideration to the vocation of ministry. He accepted the call to ministry following his sophomore year as a student at Hope College in Holland, Michigan, a church-related school. Following graduation from college in 1952 with a B.A. degree, he attended Western Theological Seminary, also in Holland, and graduated in 1955 with a M.Div. degree. He was ordained into the gospel ministry in 1955 by the Reformed Church in America, the denomination of his roots. He served as assistant pastor at Hope Reformed Church in Chicago, Illinois for a year and a half. In 1957 he was called as associate pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Santa Ana, California. In 1960, he became pastor of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Monterey Park, California.

In 1968, he was called by the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii to be the organizing pastor of a congregation that later became Westminster Presbyterian Church in a new, planned community called Westlake Village, located in Southern California on the Los Angeles/Ventura county line. While serving that congregation, in 1978 he received a D.Min. degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California. He retired while serving as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1994. Upon retirement he continued in ministry as an interim pastor in a church needing such leadership.

In 1993, during Dr. Bos' twenty-fifth year with Westminster and the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration of the church, the church's members established two perpetual scholarship funds. One was established in honor of Dr. Robert C. Bos as the founding pastor, the other in honor of his wife Carole M. Hoffs Bos. Dr. Bos chose to designate his award as an aid toward seminary education.

Dr. and Mrs. Bos, each in their own way, have made significant impacts on the lives of the members of Westminster during their tenure. The single underlying purpose of the two scholarships funds is to provide awards that will demonstrate and perpetuate their unselfish contributions to the advancement of the ideals and principals of the Christian faith.

Selection Process

1. The Scholarship Committee will include a minimum of one seated Member of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, a minimum of two members-at-large from the Westminster Presbyterian Church congregation who are familiar with ministry education, and a member of the Bos family or designee.
2. The Scholarship Committee will inform the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of San Fernando of the availability of the scholarship.
3. Prospective recipients shall apply for this scholarship through the Robert C. Bos Scholarship Committee, at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

4. Application can be made at any time but the interview and selection process for the following school year will occur during the months of April and May, Only applications which are complete before April 15th will be considered in that year's selection process.
5. The Robert C. Bos Scholarship Committee will interview applicants who meet the scholarship criteria and will select a recipient(s).
6. Upon selection of the appropriate recipient(s), the chair of the Scholarship Committee will review the Committee's actions and report to Social Ministries and Mission Committees. It will include the presentation review in the Session's minutes. The Chair of the Scholarship Committee will request payment from the Business Administrator of the church for tuition and/or books to be paid directly to the student's chosen college or university.
7. In accepting this scholarship the recipient(s) gives permission for the seminary of choice and Westminster Presbyterian Church to publicize the student's receiving of the scholarship.

Selection Criteria

Recipients of this scholarship must meet the following criteria. Please read carefully and inform committee how each relates to you:

1. Must be a student considering a call to the ordained pastoral ministry and needing seminary education. Preference will be given to those considering pastoral ministry within the Presbyterian Church.
2. The student must qualify as being "under care" according to the guidelines of the Presbytery of San Fernando's Committee on Preparation for Ministry and must be enrolled or has been accepted by a seminary. First preference will be given to students from Westminster Presbyterian Church. If no qualified student applies, the scholarship will be awarded to a student in a Presbyterian Church within the Presbytery of San Fernando. If no qualified student applies the scholarship will be awarded to a student who qualifies according to the guidelines of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry in other presbyteries in the Synod of Southern California and Hawaii. If there are no applicants, the region can be broadened at the discretion of the Westminster Presbyterian Church Scholarship Committee.
3. Financial need shall be a primary consideration. It is expected that the applicant shall apply for financial aid at the seminary including federal student aid.
4. If the applicant is entering seminary for the first time a grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 in prior academic years and 3.5 in the last academic year before entering seminary will be required. If the applicant is in seminary he/she must earn at least a 3.25 GPA.
5. Consideration shall be given to the candidate's involvement in ministry related extra-curricular activities.
6. This scholarship is presented to a student regardless of sex, race, or age.

Provisions

This scholarship may be retained not to exceed three (3) consecutive academic years provided the Master of Divinity Program, recipient meets the following requirements:

1. Completion of a minimum of twelve (12) credits per semester/quarter.
 2. Maintenance of a 3.25 cumulative grade point average at the end of each academic semester/quarter. Failure to regain the required grade point average after the academic semester/quarter will result in the loss of the scholarship.
 3. It is the responsibility of the recipient(s) of the award to notify the Robert C. Bos Scholarship Committee with a record of his/her grades at the end of each semester/quarter.
 4. In the event that the recipient withdraws from the education institution before completion of the school year, the recipient will be required to notify the Committee immediately of such withdrawal and will be required to reimburse the Robert C. Bos Scholarship Committee for the scholarship awarded for that school year.
- Further consideration may be given to students pursuing advanced studies in Pastoral Ministries.

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Application Form

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home & Business/Daytime Phone: _____

Home Church: _____ Member? _____ yes _____ no

Presbytery of Care: _____

Place of Seminary Enrollment/Acceptance: _____

Current Employment: _____

Educational Background: _____

Background Experiences in Fields Related Ministry: _____

(attach additional sheets as needed)

Please attach copies of your Student Aid Report, Seminary Award letter and transcripts.
On an attached letter (min. 150 words) please discuss yourself and your life objectives including especially the following:

1. Your educational goals.
2. Your career goals.
3. Your reason(s) for applying, including financial need.



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The Carole M. Hoffs Bos Teacher Education Scholarship Award

Background Information

Carole Marie Hoffs Bos was raised in a home where education and learning were held in high esteem. Her parents, Dr. and Mrs. M.A. Hoffs, modeled the excitement of learning, always pursuing educational excellence and community service as their main goals in life. Attending Hope College, a small college in Holland, Michigan, Carole's horizons were expanded and challenged. Teaching had always been her dream and teaching adolescents a goal. During her professional years Carole taught in two public schools and one private school and found that facilitating learning, her own as well as her students' brought her fulfillment and creativity.

In 1993 during the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Celebration of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Westlake Village, California, the church's members established two perpetual scholarship funds. One was established in honor of Dr. Robert C. Bos as the founding pastor, the other in honor of his wife Carole M. Hoffs Bos. Mrs. Bos chose to designate her award as an aid toward teacher education.

Dr. and Mrs. Bos, each in their own way, have made significant impacts on the lives of the members of Westminster during their tenure. The single underlying purpose of the two scholarship funds is to provide awards that will demonstrate and perpetuate their unselfish contributions to the advancement of the ideals and principals of the Christian faith.

Selection Process

1. The Scholarship Committee will include a minimum of one seated Member of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church, a minimum of two members-at-large from the Westminster Presbyterian Church congregation who have been involved in education at some level, and a member of the Bos family or designee.
2. Prospective recipients shall apply for this scholarship through the Carole M. Hoffs Bos Scholarship Committee, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 32111 Watergate Rd., Westlake Village, California, 91361 or through their high school counselors.
3. Application should be made during March and the selection process for the following school year will occur during the months of April and May. Only applications which are complete before April 10th will be considered in that year's selection process. Applicants will be notified of the results directly before May 20th.
4. The Carole M. Hoffs Bos Scholarship Committee will interview applicants who meet the scholarship criteria and will select a recipient(s).
5. Upon selection of the appropriate recipient(s), the chair of the Scholarship Committee will review the Committee's actions with the Children's and Family Ministries Committee. Children's and Family Ministries will include the presentation review in the Session's minutes. The Chair of the Scholarship Committee will request payment from the Business Administrator of the church for tuition and/or books to be paid directly to the student's chosen college or university.
6. In accepting this scholarship the recipient(s) gives permission for the school of choice and Westminster Presbyterian Church to publicize the student's receiving of the scholarship.

Selection Criteria

Recipients of this scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Students must be either a high school student of senior standing who has been accepted to a college or university or a currently enrolled student of a college, university, or graduate school whose intention is to become a teacher and who might benefit from financial assistance.
2. The applicant's goal must be to become a teacher.
3. First preference will be given to students from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Westlake Village, California, and then to students from the immediate surrounding area (Westlake Village, Thousand Oaks, Oak Park, Agoura Hills and Agoura).
4. In the opinion of the selection committee the recipient(s) should demonstrate good character and a sense of responsible citizenship, and must be a member in good standing of Westminster Presbyterian Church or another Christian church.
5. The applicant must be in the top quarter of their high school graduating class through the seventh semester or have graduated with that ranking.
6. If multiple applicants exist who are otherwise equal in terms of the previous requirements in the eyes of the Scholarship committee then the student with the greatest financial need will be awarded the scholarship. Applicants will be asked for copies of their Federal Student Aid Application and information about other aid awards if this situation arises.
7. This scholarship will be presented to a student regardless of their sex, race or age.

Provisions

This scholarship may be retained not to exceed five consecutive academic years provided the recipient meets the following requirements:

1. Completes a minimum of twelve credits per semester.
2. Maintains a 3.25 cumulative grade point average at the end of each academic year. The recipient is to report grade status to the Carole M. Hoffs Bos Scholarship Committee at Westminster Presbyterian Church at the conclusion of each semester/quarter. Failure to retain the required grade point average after each academic year will result in loss of the scholarship.
3. Students disciplined for academic dishonesty or inappropriate conduct within the school or community will lose the scholarship.
4. In the event that the recipient withdraws from the education institution before completion of the school year, the recipient will be required to notify the Committee immediately of such withdrawal and will be required to reimburse the Carole M. Hoffs Bos Scholarship Committee for the scholarship awarded for that school year.

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Home & Business/Daytime Phone: _____

Home Church: _____ Member? _____ yes _____ no

Name of College(s) Where You Are Enrolled or Have Been Accepted: _____

Current Educational Status: _____

Extra-curricular Activities and Employment: _____

Background Experience in Teaching or Working with Children/Youth: _____

(attach additional sheets as needed)

Also attach:

1. A current transcript through the seventh semester for high school students or the most recent semester/quarter for college/university attendees.
2. A letter of recommendation from the pastor of your home church (non-Westminster students).
3. A letter (min. 150 words) in which you discuss yourself and your life objectives including especially the following:
 - a. Your educational goals.
 - b. Your career goals.
 - c. Your reason(s) for applying, including financial need if any.