Thomas W. Gillespie was the 5th President of Princeton Theological Seminary. His commitment to the Church and to PTS was unwavering, and he had a particular concern for students with financial need. He was instrumental in creating the Exceptional Financial Need Grant, now called the Thomas W. Gillespie Grant.

This PTS aid program is designed to provide additional need-based grant aid to our neediest MDiv., MTE, MTS, MDiv/MA and MA candidates, to assist them in meeting educational expenses while reducing dependency on student loans. The Thomas W. Gillespie Grant Program is based on the concept of helping those who work hard to help themselves.

**AWARD AMOUNT:**
Depending upon the annual budget for this program, maximum awards are:

- Up to $4,000 for married and single students with dependents
- Up to $2,000 for single and married students without dependents

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**
An eligible student must meet all of the following requirements in order to be considered for a Thomas W. Gillespie Grant:

- Demonstrate financial need for this grant in addition to the maximum PTS Grant or Fellowship awarded for the current academic year.
- Have outstanding student loan debt exceeding $20,000 and NOT be in default on any previous federal loan.
- You must have part-time employment in a non-field education funded job of at least 7 hours per week and have started working by 10/15. Documentation must be provided with this application if off-campus employment, such as two recent paystubs showing hours worked.
- Be enrolled full-time in the MDiv., MTE, MTS, MA or MDiv/MA program.
- Have applied for outside scholarship and grant support from church, denomination, or other external sources of funding. Documentation must be provided with this application.
- Complete and submit the attached application along with written verification of employment and outside scholarship aid to the Office of Student Administrative Services by November 1st.

APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED IF THEY ARE INCOMPLETE OR RECEIVED AFTER THE NOVEMBER 1ST DEADLINE. If you have any questions, please email SFS@ptsem.edu.

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THOMAS W. GILLESPIE GRANT APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name (Last, First, MI):
Date of birth: SSN: Phone:
Current address:
City: State: ZIP Code:
Email:
Degree Program: Year in School: Graduation Date:
Marital Status: Spouse’s Name (if applicable):
Dependent Children Living With You?
Name: DOB: Name: DOB: Name: DOB:

EMPLOYMENT REQUIREMENT (please provide documentation if not working on campus)
Employer for Academic Year of Application:
Employer address:
City: State: ZIP Code:
Email: Phone: How Long Employed?
Position: Hourly Salary: Weekly income:

CREDIT CARDS
Name Current balance Monthly payment

EDUCATIONAL LOANS REQUIREMENT (please provide documentation if not federal loans)
Type of Loan Interest Rate Balance

OTHER LOANS, DEBTS, OR OBLIGATIONS
Description Amount

OUTSIDE GRANT & SCHOLARSHIPS REQUIREMENT (please provide documentation if not applied to your student account)
Have You Applied for Grant Funding from your Home Church or Judicatory? Yes No
Description Amount per month or value

Have you Applied for Other Outside Grants or Scholarships? Yes No
Description Amount per month or value

By signing below, I understand I must provide verification that I have begun working by mid-October for a minimum of 10 hours per week in a non-Field Education related job, and I must provide verification that I have applied for grants or scholarships through my church or some other external (non-PTS) source. by November 1. I must also have no less than $20,000 in educational debt. Late Applicants will not be considered.

Signature of applicant Date