

**Financial Aid and Grants  
Offered Through  
Presbytery of New Hope and the Committee on Preparation for Ministry**

**Jesse Lee Thomas Fund**

**Description of the Fund:** In 1997, The Presbytery of New Hope received a bequest from Mr. Jesse Lee Thomas, a Durham, NC resident and member of Triangle Presbyterian Church, to establish an educational trust for the benefit and use of candidates for the ministry in the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Thomas' keen interest in preparing individuals for the ministry and his dedication to the church will continue to be lived out in the future through the many lives that will be impacted by his generous gift. The amount of the trust varies from year to year based upon the earnings of the principal. The Presbytery of New Hope Finance and Property Committee makes the annual distribution available known to the CPM.

**What to expect:** All grants for education, testing (up to ½ of the cost of career counseling), cost of ordination exams, travel, CPE programs (up to \$1,500) and matching grant seminary internships for seminarians (up to \$4,000) will be evaluated by the CPM and awarded based on funds available and demonstrated need.

**Who is eligible:** Inquirers, candidates and enrollees of the Presbytery of New Hope under the care of the Presbytery of New Hope Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM).

**Timeline:** The CPM receives applications and makes decisions on a rolling basis at regular meetings.

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry Budget**

**Description of fund:** This is an annual budget item provided by the Presbytery of New Hope for candidate and inquirer expenses associated with psychological evaluations, travel, gifts, etc. The amount varies yearly based upon the budget of the presbytery.

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**Other Sources of Funding Outside of the Presbytery of New Hope**

- Presbyterian Study Grant:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/theology-formation-and-evangelism/financialaid/graduatetheological-programs/presbyterian-study-grant/>

# Application for Presbytery of New Hope Preparation for Ministry Grants

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_

**1. WHAT IS YOUR PRESENT STATUS WITH THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HOPE?**

**2. WHAT IS YOUR PARTICULAR NEED FOR GRANT MONEY AT THIS TIME? (PLEASE ITEMIZE THE PARTICULAR THINGS FOR WHICH YOU NEED HELP AND THEIR COST.)**

**3. WHY DO YOU NEED THIS GRANT AT THIS TIME FOR THESE ITEMS?**

**4. LIST ANY DEBTS (EDUCATIONAL, CREDIT CARD, ETC.) YOU ARE CARRYING AT THIS TIME AND THEIR SOURCES.** The CPM Grant Application Worksheet must accompany this application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please submit all applications to:**

Presbytery of New Hope – Attn: Christine Kelson  
2022 McDonald Lane, Raleigh, NC 27608  
or email: [ckelson@nhpresbytery.org](mailto:ckelson@nhpresbytery.org)

The CPM grant application worksheet must accompany this application

**Presbytery of New Hope - Committee on Preparation for Ministry Grant Application Worksheet**

(Must accompany your application)

**Name of Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annual</b>
Housing		
Utilities (electric, water, sewage, etc.)		
Communications/Media (cell phone, computer, TV, etc.)		
Transportation (car, car insurance, bus or plane trips, all travel)		
Tuition		
Books		
Student Fees		
Health Care and Insurance		
Food		
Charitable Giving		
Previous Debt Repayments		
Entertainment (meals out, movies, etc.)		
Misc. (clothing, toiletries, etc.)		
Any other Expenses		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Annual</b>
Work Study or other Employment, Internship Stipends, etc.		
Scholarships or Grants		
Loans		
Savings		
Any other Outside Sources of Income (parents, spouse, etc.)		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		