



Samuel Robinson Award

Guidelines for Applicants

The Samuel Robinson Award is paid directly to the student in a single payment and may be used for any purpose the student deems appropriate. Past awardees have used the funding for expenses related to transition from college to a career or to graduate school, as a fundraising tool for the Young Adult Volunteer program, to pay down student loans, and to take a vacation. There are no limits to how the student may use the funding.

Range of Awards
\$2,500

Deadline
Quarterly, first Friday of March,
June, September, December

Students participating in Samuel Robinson Award will memorize the Westminster Shorter Catechism using the WSC memorization tool at wsc.pcusa.org. Upon completion of the memorization, the student will be invited to provide information required to evaluate eligibility and provide an award.

Eligible students:

- are a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) member
- are attending a Presbyterian-related college or university
- have completed at least two years of college (graduating by this spring, or next spring)

Process

Start at wsc.pcusa.org. Register to save your progress as you complete the memorization.

Memorize the catechism. The catechism is divided into sections to make it easier to memorize. It is a flashcard system that shows the question and the answer. How you respond is recorded by the system. An algorithm takes in consideration how often you have seen the question/answer pair, your response, and how much time it takes you to react to determine when you have memorized the question/answer pair.

Complete the application. When you complete 100% of the memorization, you will be prompted to go to the Samuel Robinson Award application. The application asks questions about you, your church membership, and your education to date. You will be required to upload proof of enrollment—the registrar at the college or university you attend will be able to provide you with proof of enrollment.

Application review. Upon submission, a Presbyterian Mission Agency staff member will evaluate your application and follow-up with you about the award within 20 business days.

Awarding process. Upon award the student will be prompted to complete a W-9 and direct deposit form to facilitate payment.

Samuel Robinson Award is not renewable. The award is not available to students receiving aid from another PCUSA grant or scholarship program in the year of application. The students who have started the memorization will have a six-month grace period after graduation to complete the recitation.

For more information about this program contact:
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