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STUDENT GIFT PROGRAM





WHAT IS THE STUDENT GIFT PROGRAM?

Eligible students pursuing a ministry degree may receive a gift of up to $3,360 from Pension Fund towards your retirement. Established in 1953, the Student Gift Membership Program assists students who are preparing for ministry by introducing them early to the benefits of membership in the Pension Plan. The program is part of Pension Fund's Ministerial Relief and Assistance Fund.

WHY IS THE STUDENT GIFT MEMBERSHIP IMPORTANT?

Pension Fund strongly believes that if clergy learn early in their career about finances – including the benefits of Pension Fund's Pension Plan – they will have sufficient means of providing for their family in times of crisis, as well as in retirement.

KEY BENEFITS:

- Gift of up to $3,360 from Pension Fund into a Pension Plan account
- Great head start on a pension and saving for retirement
- Monthly retirement benefit for life*
- Death and disability benefits
- Special Apportionments (when approved, these add to your pension credits)

WHAT IS THE COST?

FREE. There is no cost to the student. The Student Gift Membership Program pays dues ($70 per month) into the Pension Plan on behalf of the student for up to four years- a potential total of $3,360.

ELIGIBILITY:

EITHER:

- Enrolled at least 6 hours in graduate theological education per semester/term and under care of a Disciples of Christ region.

OR:

- Enrolled in an undergraduate ministry degree and participating in a formal ministry internship.

AND:

- With a Stone-Campbell/Restoration Movement relationship.

Student Gift participants are eligible for up to four years, as long as they continue to be enrolled in school and meet eligibility requirements.

HELPING *Students* ON THE ROAD TO FINANCIAL WELLNESS

* In order to receive your retirement benefit and remain in active status, pension dues must be continued within two years after receipt of diploma (either through an employer or self-payment).



HOW TO ENROLL:

1. Visit our website to download and fill out an application at: www.pensionfund.org/studentgift.
2. Submit your completed application to pfcc1@pensionfund.org.
3. Your Pension Plan account will begin in the next month following approval of your application.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions we're here to help. Contact Pension Fund by visiting our website, emailing us at pfcc1@pensionfund.org or calling 866.495.7322.