

North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA

Seminary Debt Reduction Assistance Application Checklist

All Applicants:

- _____ Completed application
- _____ Summary of current ministry with vision and 5-year goals
- _____ Reason for requesting assistance
- _____ Documented attendance at boundary training within the last 3 years
- _____ Letter of recommendation from current congregation's church council president
- _____ Letter of recommendation from current congregation's church council treasurer
- _____ Copy of most recent Rostered Leader Annual Report

Applicants who completed seminary more than 12 months ago

- _____ Itemization of continuing education and synod activities in the last 12 months. This can be activities in NWLW or another synod if recently moved into NWLW synod.

Applicants who completed seminary within the last 12 months

- _____ Summary of current ministry. Includes seminary activities, clinical experience, internship information, work/study, etc.
- _____ Transcript

Returning Applicants

- _____ Summary of any financial literacy counseling and education attended or completed since last grant. Include highlights of significant learnings and any other ongoing financial knowledge growth, stability, and plans for continued personal debt reduction.