

**North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Seminary Debt Reduction Assistance Application**

PERSONAL INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)			DATE OF APPLICATION
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name	Primary Telephone Number
Address			Email Address
Other names used in seminary, candidacy, or ministry			
Seminary / Theological School			Date of Graduation
First Call Location			Date of Ordination
Current Congregation / Ministry Site			Date of Installation
Address			Phone

SEMINARY / THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL DEBT INFORMATION (Please attach additional sheets if needed.)	
Total Current Outstanding Debt	Current monthly payments & monthly principal amount
Lending Agency Name	Name on Loan
Lending Agency Address	Loan Number

Please provide a brief statement summarizing your current ministry, vision for ministry, and goals for the next five (5) years in ministry. (Please be brief, but attach additional sheets if needed.)

Please provide a brief statement explaining why you are requesting assistance based on your overall personal finances and budgeting. (Please be brief, but attach additional sheets if needed.)

I understand and authorize verification of the debt amount through the seminary I attended and/or loan provider and that this request is confidential within the NWLMS Seminary Debt Reduction Assistance Team, Bishop's office, and Executive Committee of the Synod Council.

I have attached: (1) a transcript (first year applicant) and summary of continuing education / synod activities and events attended in the last twelve months, including documentation of most recent boundary training; (2) a summary of the prior year's financial literacy counseling and education attended or completed along with highlights of significant learnings, if applicable; (3) a copy of my annual Rostered Leader Annual Report; and (4) a letter of recommendation and support from my current congregation's church council president and treasurer.

I also understand and agree that as a condition of receiving seminary debt reduction assistance I am required to (1) remain an active, called rostered minister within the NWLMS for three (3) years after receiving assistance; (2) fulfill financial literacy education and counseling requirements; (3) share information with others within the NWLMS about the program's existence and benefits.

Signature	Date
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Return completed form to
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Applications are due on or before February 28th.

Applications submitted after this date will not be considered.