

**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.