

Faith, Finances, and Freedom

Virginia Synod Education Debt Relief Grants

<https://www.vasynod.org/faith-finances-freedom/>

Virginia Synod rostered ministers can apply for an Educational Debt Reduction grant which will be paid directly to their lender. Awards will be made by a team of lay and rostered ministers from the Virginia Synod Council based on available funds and individual need. Grants range from \$1,500 to \$5,000 per year and applicants can apply for up to three years.

Application Requirements

- Complete Online Application: <https://form.jotform.com/200215181602035>
- Complete Approved Financial Education Program:
<https://www.sixweeksonmoney.com/elca> (*Note: Applicants will take the online class and then participate in an online group discussion and coaching with other applicants from the Virginia Synod.*)
- Receive 3 free financial counseling sessions through Portico of LSS Minnesota:
<https://www.lssmn.org/financialcounseling/portico>
- Submit proof that education loan payments are current. Your payments are considered current if:
 - you have made 12 months of payments.
 - your payments have been deferred during the pandemic.
- Submit your Annual Report to the Bishop:
<https://www.vasynod.org/resources/rostered-ministers/>

For application questions contact program coordinator, Pastor John Mocko at:

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