

CEN SCHOLARSHIP POLICY (*updated May 2010)

Flint River Presbytery has two sources of money from which to offer financial assistance to Ruling and Teaching Elders who desire continuing education while serving in financially challenging situations. Both of these funds are administered by the Commission on Education and Nurture (CEN).

The **Leader Education & Development** fund (budget line-item # 5010200) is for CEN - specific projects; i.e., conferences that the commission recommends or sponsors.

The **Leader Development Scholarships** fund (budget line-item # 5010205) is for any continuing education event.

The following policies govern the disbursement of scholarship funds:

1. One may receive scholarship assistance once during a 12-month period.
2. The scholarship request cap is \$500 per person per year.
3. The CEN will aim to provide one-third of a continuing education event's cost, with the understanding that the recipient will personally provide one-third of the cost and the recipient's church or sponsoring organization will provide one-third of the cost.
4. If the continuing-education event is canceled, or if one is unable to attend an event, any disbursed CEN scholarship money should be returned to the presbytery office within sixty days of the cancelation (unless the conference deposit is non-refundable).
5. Priority for scholarship assistance will be given to installed Teaching Elders and CLPs serving churches.
6. A narrative report should be submitted to the moderator of CEN by the recipient within 30 days of returning from an event.
 - This report should include the various benefits received from the event as well as clearly documented receipts which demonstrate how scholarship money was used during the event.

If, at the end of a fiscal year, there are an excess of remaining funds, generosity and flexibility regarding the above policies will be the order of the day.

To apply for scholarship assistance, obtain a Scholarship Request form from the Presbytery office or web site. Fill out the form as completely as possible and attach a copy of the conference registration form(s). Return your completed application to the presbytery office. As funds are limited and as the approval process can be lengthy, one should apply for scholarship assistance early.