

The goal of the scholarship program at Montana Bible College is to provide funds to students whose heart for God, long-term commitment to ministry, academic performance, and financial need warrant assistance from the College. Students who receive scholarship funds from MBC should *compel* the College to invest in their lives. We believe strongly in the personal responsibility of each student to plan for and be able to pay the cost of choosing to be a student. Further, we believe that graduates should not be hindered from fulfilling the ministry to which God has called them because of the burden of college debts; therefore, MBC is committed to providing quality education at an affordable cost. Since MBC's tuition only covers a portion of its operating expenses, this education is possible because God has placed generosity in the hearts of individuals, churches, and alumni who believe in the eternal value of Bible college education. These people are passing on a trust to our students because they expect God to do great things through them.

MBC does not accept any direct or indirect federal financial aid. Why? The cost of administering Title IV funding in small schools like MBC is greater than the funds students would receive from federal financial aid. More significantly than the pragmatic reason, accepting student loans can create an unhealthy institutional dependence on money that may not always be there, and loans become a significant burden and hindrance to ministering where God wants His people. Montana Bible College wants *God* to receive the glory for assisting our students in their education.

### Scholarships for New Students

- **MBC Matching Scholarship** – MBC anticipates that all students will apply to their home church for a scholarship to assist in managing the costs of attending college. A person's home church is normally very supportive of ministry training for one of its own students. MBC has made available a separate application for students to present to their churches. This application outlines the College's philosophy of ministry and financial aid. MBC will match any scholarships from a student's home church **up to \$1,000 dollars per year**. This matching grant is available to new students and renewable on an annual basis for up to four years based on the church's continued support (the church is invited to give as much as it can). Students must be enrolled for at least twelve (12) credits. The application is available at the MBC office or the website.

### Scholarships for Transfer Students

- Students who transfer to MBC from another institution of biblical higher education must be of sophomore standing *and* must successfully complete one full-time semester at MBC to be eligible for scholarship funds through the College. See the Scholarships for Returning Students.

### Scholarships for Returning Students

The following are requirements returning students seeking to receive scholarship funds from Montana Bible College:

1. Students must be enrolled for at least twelve (12) credits each semester toward the completion of either the Certificate in Biblical Studies or the B.A. in Biblical Studies degree program. Dropping below twelve credits at any point during the semester will make a student ineligible for scholarship funds and the College may expect the student to pay back the awarded funds.
2. Students must demonstrate Christ-like character both on and off campus.
3. Students must maintain GPA requirements. (**General requirements are to maintain at least a 2.0. Additional GPA requirements exist for individual scholarships.**)
4. Students must complete MBC's Comprehensive Scholarship Application.

*Montana Bible College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national/ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship programs, or other school-administered programs.*

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- **Benevolence Scholarship** – This scholarship is for students who encounter unexpected financial hardship during a semester. Details and application are available with the Vice President of Finance.
- **MBC Aid Scholarship** – This scholarship is available to returning students who demonstrate financial need and maintain minimum academic requirements. The amount of this scholarship will vary with individual financial need, credit load, and budgetary availability. Students must be enrolled for twelve (12) credits to receive a minimum award. Students may apply for this scholarship each year by yearly resubmission of the MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application. Awarded both fall and spring semesters. **Deadline is February 15.**
- **Elizabeth O'Rear Memorial Scholarship** - In memory of Elizabeth O'Rear, the O'Rear family has graciously provided a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester). In order to be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must be a returning student of junior or senior standing, have and maintain at least a 3.25 GPA, and currently be involved in ministry with plans to pursue vocational ministry after graduation. To be considered for this scholarship, a completed MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application is **due February 15**. This scholarship is awarded to one student for the following school year.
- **Ron Ward and Founders Memorial Scholarship** – In memory of Ron Ward, one of the founders of Montana Bible College, MBC has designated a scholarship fund in his name. This scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) is awarded to returning students who demonstrate servant-hearted leadership, love for God's people, and a passion to serve Him in ministry. The amount and number of Ron Ward Memorial Scholarships will correspond to the growth of the fund. To be considered for this scholarship, a completed MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application is **due February 15**.

- **MBC Rural Shepherd Scholarship** - Supporters of rural ministry have made this scholarship available at Montana Bible College for the student who demonstrates servant-hearted leadership and a passion to serve in rural ministry. The student must be at least junior standing, be in the pastoral emphasis, maintain a 3.0 grade point average, and have a heart and focus for rural pastorates. This tuition-only scholarship of \$2,000 (\$1,000) may be given to a student less than full-time if the student meets the other criteria and is pursuing the pastorate in a rural ministry. To be considered for this scholarship, a completed MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application is **due February 15**.
- **Gwendolyn Gracie Scholarship** – Established in honor of Gwendolyn Gracie, a long-time educator who had the heart for those in ministry in the rural areas, both local and global, this scholarship focuses on the Missions or Pastoral emphasis students. This tuition-only \$2,500 scholarship can be successive for the student if the student maintains the qualification criteria of full-time status (exceptions may be made for a semester in which course offerings and student course needs deem less than 12 credits), declared emphasis of Missions or Pastoral, a 3.0 grade point average, active in a current ministry, demonstrate a financial need, and have a heart for rural ministry. \$1,000 will be payable the fall semester and \$1,500 will be payable in the spring semester. To be considered for this scholarship, a completed MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application is **due February 15**.
- **Don & Mary Ann Hostetler Scholarship** –The children of Don and Mary Ann Hostetler established this scholarship to honor their parents who have a heart for Christian education and the impact MBC graduates have in their local communities. This \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) scholarship is available to the sophomore student who is currently active in a ministry and pursuing a four-year degree. The student must also demonstrate financial need and maintain minimum academic requirements. To be considered for this scholarship, a completed MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application is **due February 15**.

### Scholarship Awards and Notification

Students may be awarded more than one scholarship, but up to no more than 50% of tuition costs unless otherwise stated. External scholarships will not be calculated into this maximum. Notification of awards will be no later than March 1. The merit scholarships will be formally acknowledged at graduation ceremony in May.

### Applying for Scholarships--

1. The form is in Word. Please complete and then save as a new Word document. You may either print the document and submit the printed copy to the Business Office OR you may submit electronically to [leota.fred@montanabiblecollege.edu](mailto:leota.fred@montanabiblecollege.edu).
2. Please note you must attach **a copy of page 2** of your tax return in order for your application to be complete. If you were not required to file, and did not file, you must provide a letter of explanation.
3. Please note there are two reference forms attached, one is to be completed by your employer/supervisor and one is to be completed by your ministry supervisor.
4. Please include explanations of any information that is unusual on the last page.
5. If you have questions, please call 406.586.3585, ext. 16.