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Office of Financial Aid
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financial aid

checklist, information, instructions

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world.

■ eligibility

All **admitted** students are eligible to apply for AMBS financial aid. Aid is distributed according to demonstrated financial need, with higher amounts of aid given to students with greater need. Students taking fewer than nine hours per semester receive half the amount of financial aid they would if they were full-time students. All full-time students qualify for grants of up to 25 percent of tuition. Mennonite students and international students taking at least nine hours per semester are eligible for AMBS grants of up to 50 percent of tuition.

■ deadlines

February 1 ..for Next Generation and Church Leadership Award applications

April 15.....for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) (U.S. students)

May 1for applying to receive the maximum financial aid for which you qualify

Please note: Applications received after the May 1 deadline will be processed in light of remaining funds, and students run the risk of NOT RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID if applications are submitted late. People who are planning to enroll midyear are strongly encouraged to submit the application by the May 1 deadline.

■ before submitting your financial aid application

- Submit your application for admission with all supporting documents.
- U.S. students: Prepare your tax forms to assist you in completing the FAFSA.

■ to apply for financial aid

- New students:** You must already have submitted your application for admission with supporting documentation and received notification that you have been admitted before you are eligible to apply for financial aid.
- U.S. students: complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online by April 15.
FAFSA web site: www.fafsa.ed.gov
Federal School Code: 001823
School name: Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
School address: 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517
- Complete the **Financial Aid Application** by the appropriate deadline (see deadlines above).
Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- Submit completed **Church Commitment Form(s)** if you will receive financial assistance from a congregation and/or conference. Be sure you have obtained the appropriate church official's signature and included the amount on the financial aid application.
- Submit the completed **Scholarship Application** and attach any required essays, letters, etc.

■ u.s. federal student loans

AMBS encourages students to explore all other sources of funding before applying for a Federal Stafford Loan. Sources include AMBS grants, earnings, savings, gifts and loans from church and family. If need remains, a Federal Stafford Loan may help to close the gap. However, we encourage students to borrow as little as possible to reduce debt load following graduation. Instructions for applying electronically for a Federal Stafford Loan will be sent to you with your award letter.

■ canada student loans

Canada Student Loans, funded by the government of Canada and administered with participating provinces, are available to Canadian citizens enrolled in full-time study. Repayment is deferred while full-time status is maintained. Canadian students may contact their local banks for information. AMBS is registered with the provincial administrative offices for enrollment of students with Canada Student Loans.

■ student responsibilities

- Students must apply for aid each year by the financial aid application deadline (May 1). Students applying for either a Church Leadership or Next Generation Award must submit the financial aid application by April 1.
- Students must maintain a satisfactory academic standing: minimum GPA of 2.5 for general financial aid and 3.0 for special scholarships.
- When asked to do so, students are expected to write notes or letters of appreciation to the donors who help to make financial aid possible. AMBS financial aid comes from a variety of sources, including gifts from churches and individual donors. Acknowledging their generosity helps ensure good relations with our supporters and builds good will toward the seminary.

■ questions?

Please refer to the AMBS Financial Aid Handbook for further information and policies.

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