

SECTION 3.00 Financial Policies

Subsection 3.01

Bethel College Scholarship Fund

Guidelines
Bethel College Student Grant Program
of
Menno Mennonite Church

Definition: A student grant is enacted by the Menno Mennonite Church of Ritzville, Washington, for students attending Bethel College.

Purpose: Since Bethel depends on a sufficient number of students to maintain a balanced program of undergraduate study, it is the purpose of our local church to encourage students to attend our college.

Eligibility of Recipients: To be eligible, the applicant must be a member of the Menno Mennonite Church planning to enroll as a full-time student (minimum of 11 credit hours). The application must be made in writing by August 1 or January 1 for those attending only the second semester. Academic standing or availability of other grants, scholarships, etc. is not to affect the availability of this grant.

Amount of Grant: The student grant funds are to be disbursed as funds are available. A lesser or greater amount may be given to students, depending on the total amount in the fund in relationship to the number of students applying. The money available will be distributed equally among recipients.

Source of Funds: Monies for this scholarship fund will be channeled through the local church treasury. These monies shall be raised by designated and may be made at any time. Contributions to this fund should not take the place of donations to the college, but should be in addition to such giving. It is hoped that students using this scholarship fund might want to return as much as 50% of their grant to the scholarship fund at a later time in the form of a gift. If he/she feels that this fund has been of value, the partial repayment would then help the scholarship fund become a form of mutual aid and would assist the program in perpetuating itself.

Execution of the Program: The enactment of the grant program shall be primarily executed by the Menno Church Board. The Church Board is to process and award the grants. The Board is free to call on the service of person(s) to assist on a current yearly basis. The general duties of the Menno Mennonite Church Board with regard to the Bethel College Scholarship Fund shall be as follows:

1. Encourage designed giving through the local church treasury.

2. Get in touch with the potential recipient's parents and/or students each fall before the subsequent year, explaining the program.
3. Encourage students to visit Bethel College and to accept the grant.
4. Award the grants at the beginning of each semester.
5. Monitor scholarship fund balance on a regular basis.

A member desiring to attend a General Conference Mennonite College, other than Bethel College, should contact the Church Board for special consideration. This grant program is subject to periodic review (annual or otherwise) by the Menno Mennonite Church Board.

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