

Mennonite Church Student Ministry Team

Scholarship Policy:

A student scholarship grant program has been enacted by the Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church for students attending Mennonite Colleges. Funds are made available to member-students of our congregation from proceeds from First Fruits Offerings and specific committee fund-raising events. Available funds shall be divided equally among the students. All funds are administered at the discretion of the Mennonite College Student Ministry Team.

Eligibility for a scholarship shall include:

- 1) Attend a Mennonite College. Schools who have an affiliation with MCUSA Conference. Other Mennonite college affiliations must be approved by MCSMT.
- 2) A full-time student. (As defined by the college being attended and being in good academic standing.)
- 3) Be a member of the church. Exceptions to membership can be given on a case-by-case basis as discerned by the MCSMT to students who adhere to the following criteria:
 - a. Have been regularly attending Alexanderwohl Youth Group during their high school years.
 - b. Have shown a commitment to live a Christian life through a "Statement of Faith" testimony.
 - c. Have completed the "Faith Exploration" class with pastors.
 - d. Willing to participate in fund-raising events, if possible, while attending college.
 - e. Willing to support the mission of the Alexanderwohl Church Community as employment opportunities and life-changing events come to pass.

This is a year-to-year grant and is to be given, as funds are available. Academic standing and/or availability of other grants, scholarships, etc. is not to affect the availability of this grant. Students who desire scholarships must apply to MCSMT at the beginning of the school year to be eligible. Changes in student's status should be reported to the committee.

The purpose of the Mennonite College Scholarship Fund is to support Mennonite institutions of higher education and the development of students in the Anabaptist faith tradition. Through this scholarship fund, we seek broad based congregational support and commitment to students who have chosen to attend a church related college.

Endowment Fund:

Since 1992, funds have been designated for an Endowment Fund to supplement Mennonite Student College Scholarships. Proceeds from fund-raising events were distributed 90% to checking and 10% to the endowment fund. Major large donations from donors to MCSMT for the scholarship fund were applied to the endowment fund at the discretion of the MCSMT.

In 2020, MCSMT approved closing the local endowment account, with addition of two large family donations, and investing \$10,000 in the Goessel Community Foundation under the name of "Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church (Mennonite College Scholarship Fund)". The interest proceeds each year are applied as supplementary funding for Mennonite Church Scholarships as designated by MCSMT.

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