



Scholarship Packet

The goal of the scholarship program at Montana Bible College is to provide funds to returning 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! Thus, MBC offers scholarships based on the funds available for students who meet the following criteria:

Scholarship Eligibility

- Except for the MBC Matching Scholarships (see page 2 for details), only returning MBC students (at least sophomore standing) may receive internal scholarship funds.
- Students coming to MBC who have never attended any other college are not yet eligible for internal MBC scholarships. These students should plan to finance their first year at MBC from their own savings and earnings and through financial assistance from their parents, supporting church scholarships (see below) and external scholarship opportunities such as local community scholarships.
- 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.
- This is an opportunity for students to manifest their commitment to responsible stewardship and a time for the College to gain valuable insight into the character of new students in order to determine their eligibility for scholarship funds.

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

1. Students must be enrolled for at least nine (9) credits each semester toward the completion of either the one-year Certificate in Biblical Studies or the B.A. in Biblical Studies degree program. Financial awards are based on full-time status (12 credits) and will be prorated based on registered credits. For example, a student is awarded a \$500 scholarship for the semester. If the student registers for 12 or more credits, the student receives the entire \$500. If the student is registered for only 10 credits, the award is \$415 ($500 \times 10/12$). Dropping below nine 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.

Supporting Church Scholarships

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 an introductory letter for students to present to their churches. The letter outlines the College's philosophy of ministry and financial aid. This may be a very helpful resource for a student seeking the assistance of his or her home church. Please contact the MBC office for a copy of this letter. MBC will match any scholarships from a student's home church **up to \$500 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 nine (9) credits. There is no formal application form for students to complete.

Need-based Scholarships

MBC Aid Scholarship – This scholarship is available to **returning students of at least sophomore standing** who demonstrate financial need and maintain minimum academic requirements. The amount of this scholarship will vary with individual financial need and budgetary availability. Students may apply for this scholarship each year by yearly resubmission of the MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application. Awarded both fall and spring semesters. Deadline: June 15th.

Merit-based Scholarships

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 April 15**. This scholarship is awarded to one student for the following school year. The scholarship is presented annually at MBC's graduation ceremony.

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 \$500 (\$250 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 April 15**. The scholarship is presented annually at MBC's graduation ceremony.

Chamberlin Greek Scholarship - Funded by the Chamberlin family, this scholarship is available each fall that Greek III is taught. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, the applicant must have passed both Greek I and II with at least a 2.0 GPA and be enrolled in Greek III with the intent to take Greek IV. This scholarship is awarded based on the student's interest in pursuing the Greek language and demonstration of financial need. This scholarship is currently awarded to one student every other fall semester. To be considered for this scholarship, a completed MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application is **due April 15**. The scholarship is presented at MBC's graduation ceremony.

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 concentration, maintain a 3.0 grade point average, and have a heart and focus for rural pastorates. This tuition-only scholarship of \$1,000 (\$500 per semester) 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 April 15**. The scholarship is presented annually at MBC's graduation ceremony.

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. Awards will be made in a timely manner following the application deadline. All scholarship applicants will be notified in writing regarding the award amount.

Applying for Scholarships

You may use the following form to apply for all MBC scholarships. ***Please note you must attach a copy 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. Also if you are applying for the merit scholarships, two references are required, one from an employer and one from ministry supervisor/mentor.***

Applying for Scholarships Continued

1. Please **use a pen** to answer all of the following questions and **write legibly**.
2. Please note you must attach a copy 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 an employer/supervisor even if only applying for financial need scholarships. The other reference is for the ministry supervisor/mentor that is required for merit scholarship consideration.
4. Please include explanations of any information that is unusual on the last page.
5. If you have questions, please call 406.586.3585 or 888.462.2463.
6. Please sign and returned completed application to:

Montana Bible College
Business Office
3625 S. 19th Avenue
Bozeman, MT 59718

MBC Comprehensive Scholarship Application

Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail address _____

Program of Study: _____ Certificate in Biblical Studies
_____ B.A. in Biblical Studies
Concentration: ___ General Ministry ___ Pastoral ___ Missions
___ Ethics & Culture ___ Biblical Counseling ___ Outdoor Discipleship

Class (currently in or will be in the fall): _____ Sophomore (33-64 credits) _____ Junior (65-96 credits)
_____ Senior (97 or more credits)

Current GPA: _____

Financial Information:

Single Married Number of children: _____

_____ Your current cash assets. Include the total of all of your checking accounts, savings accounts, bonds, stocks, cash, certificates of deposit, and other liquid assets.

_____ Your adjusted gross income from last year's taxes.
A copy of your most recent tax return must be included with this application. If you did not file a tax return, you must submit a letter of explanation.

_____ Parental support (if you are a dependent on your parents' tax return) anticipated.

_____ G.I. benefits income for the school year (12 months).

_____ Amount of financial assistance you expect to get from other sources. Do not count any value of living at home in the summer. This amount should include tax refunds, investment income, social security, and/or disability, financial support from church, friends, family (other than parents), non-MBC scholarships, etc.)

_____ Total debts
Student loans _____
Credit card debts _____ (balance carried forward)
Medical bills _____
Vehicle loans _____
Home mortgage _____
Other (describe) _____

_____ Monthly rent or mortgage payment (please only include *your* obligation)

EMPLOYMENT:

___ I am not currently employed.

___ I am not currently employed, but I do have summer employment with _____.

___ I am currently employed;

Name of employer _____

Position _____

Supervisor name and phone number _____

Please use the space below to provide us with any additional financial information that you believe would help you qualify for financial assistance.

Chamberlin Greek Scholarship Information

Skip this section if not applying for this scholarship.

Passed Greek II (semester and year) _____

Yes / No I will be taking Greek III and IV this year.

Future plans to use Greek in your ministry: _____

**Elizabeth O’Rear Memorial Scholarship
Ron Ward and Founders Memorial Scholarship
Rural Shepherd Scholarship**

Please provide the following information if you would like to be considered for these scholarships.

Ministry Information:

Please tell us about any ministries in which you have been involved *in the past 2 years*. Include the type of ministry (whether inside the church such as AWANA, Sunday school teacher, or outside the church such as Bible camp, short term mission trip, or nursing home ministry, etc.), how many hours per week you spent in each ministry, and the length of time you participated in the ministry.

Type of Ministry	Hours per week	Dates of Involvement	Supervisor

Recommendation Form

For MBC Scholarship

This recommendation should be completed by an individual who has been employer supervisor or a ministry/mentor supervisor.

Applicant's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Directions for respondent: The applicant named above is seeking a scholarship from Montana Bible College and has listed you as a reference. We appreciate your cooperation and value your evaluation. It is essential that you be frank, fair, and accurate in your remarks and estimates. **The deadline for this form is April 15. You may return the form to Scholarship Committee at MBC, 3625 South 19th, Bozeman, MT 59718 or by e-mail to leota.fred@montanabiblecollege.edu.**

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what relationship? _____

How well do you know the applicant? Very well Well Casually

Please check the appropriate responses for the applicant in the following checklist:

Judgment

- Superior judgment
- Uses common sense
- Somewhat indecisive
- Unable to make decisions
- No opportunity to observe

Acceptance by others

- Highly respected
- Liked
- Tolerated
- Avoided
- No opportunity to observe

Responsibility

- Reliable
- Usually dependable
- Somewhat irresponsible
- Consistently irresponsible
- No opportunity to observe

Industry

- Goes above and beyond
- Willingly does assigned work
- Needs occasional prodding
- Fails to do assigned work
- No opportunity to observe

Attitude toward others

- Friendly and caring
- Generally respectful
- Indifferent
- Condescending
- No opportunity to observe

Integrity

- Consistently trustworthy
- Usually honest
- Sometimes manipulative
- Frequently dishonest
- No opportunity to observe

Personal appearance

- Conscientiously well-groomed
- Usually clean and presentable
- Unconcerned or unkempt
- Lacks hygienic standards
- No opportunity to observe

Leadership/influence

- Consistently positive influence
- Usually a good influence
- Cooperative but retiring
- Detrimental influence
- No opportunity to observe

Teachability

- Superior
- Learns readily
- Slow but retains well
- Repeat instruction needed
- No opportunity to observe

Please use the space below for explaining any section in this reference that needs further clarification.

Respondent's Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Respondent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Respondent's Name: _____ Phone Number: (____) _____

Respondent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Application Checklist (Please check ALL the boxes that apply):

- I have answered all the applicable questions in their entirety.
- I have attached a copy of my most recent tax return OR
letter of explanation as to why I was not required to (and did not) file a tax return this past tax year.
- I have given recommendation form(s) to references.
- I have signed, dated and returned this application by _____.
- I made a copy of this completed application for my records.