



Scholarships



Endowed scholarships are a significant benefit to those who study at AMBS. These scholarships make it possible for them to study with less concern about incurring a large student debt or needing to work in addition to study.



AMBS is grateful for donors who have provided endowed scholarships over the years, and for the way these gifts continue to give each year, supporting the gifted students who are preparing for ministry. An investment in a scholarship brings returns not only to the students, but also to the church they will serve.

This booklet gives information about each endowed scholarship in the AMBS financial aid program. Included are some of the stories of the donors and people for whom the scholarships are named. May these stories inspire all of us in our giving and encourage more students to hear God's call to ministry and service.

—*Leroy Saner, director of development*

Jeremy Shue

Nappanee, Ind. | Master of Divinity student
Graduate of Hesston (Kan.) College and
Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va.



“The financial aid that I have received from AMBS is such a blessing. Not only does it ease the financial burden of returning to school full time, but it is a constant reminder that I am part of a larger church body that supports my efforts at seminary. That support has been a continual encouragement. It is great to belong to a church that is committed to developing strong church leaders for the future.”

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Gerald W. and Cleo T. Augspurger Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

The scholarship was established in 1999 from the estate of Gerald and Cleo Augspurger. As dedicated members of Pulaski (Iowa) Mennonite Church, they were long-time supporters of pastoral leadership.

Ernest and Prisca Bachman Scholarship

For students planning to enter the Christian ministry.

A well-known fundraiser for church causes, Ernest Bachman solicited funds for Bethel College in North Newton, Kan., for nine years as well as for the church extension for Western District Conference (General Conference Mennonite Church) and Prairie View Mental Health Center in Newton, Kan.

Ernest was a farmer and board member of the Schowalter Foundation in Newton. From the mid-1930s to 1984, he was associated with Mennonite Aid Union of Kansas insurance. He also co-founded the Kansas Mennonite Central Committee Relief Fund. He married Prisca Krehbiel in 1919 and died in 1985.

Prisca was a homemaker, mother, and grandmother. Upon her death in 1991, a portion of their estate was bequeathed to AMBS to create this scholarship fund.

Levi T. and Myra Beidler Bleam Memorial Scholarship

For students who are (1) members or associates of East Swamp Mennonite Church in Quakertown, Pa.; or (2) from Eastern District Conference of Mennonite Church USA; or (3) from Pennsylvania demonstrating need; or (4) any student demonstrating need.

Levi Bleam, born Sept. 3, 1868, and Myra Beidler, born June 15, 1872, were married in February 1894. Levi was a butcher and Myra a homemaker. Together they raised seven children. The

Bleams were active members of East Swamp Mennonite Church in Quakertown, Pa.

Now their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren are carrying on that legacy of involvement in ministry and church leadership. The family has chosen to carry out this commitment to the church by establishing a scholarship fund. This fund is intended to honor the lives and memory of Levi and Myra Beidler Blead and to assist students in their preparation for ministry at AMBS.

Olen and Irene Britsch Scholarship

For students demonstrating need; not based on academic performance. Preference will be given to persons preparing for pastoral and missionary ministries in the following order: (1) member of the Ohio or Eastern District conferences of Mennonite Church USA, (2) member of one of the smaller Mennonite conferences, (3) enrolled in a full-time program at AMBS, or (4) attending an intensive course such as, but not limited to, January Interterm.

This fund was established to encourage and facilitate the development of church leadership. This award seeks to provide the opportunity for persons with financial need to develop their God-given abilities and to deepen their understanding of Scriptures so that they may be equipped to more effectively serve Christ and the church.

Henry J. Brown Scholarship

For Asian students, especially those from Taiwan, who are preparing for missionary service in their country of origin.

Reverend Henry Brown received a call to the ministry when he was 11 years old and never wavered. The Browns first went to China in 1909 and helped found the General Conference Mennonite Church Mission there in 1914. They left in 1947 after 40 years of active service. Their son and his wife, Roland and Sophie Brown, were medical missionaries to Taiwan.



Carrie Martens

Altona, Man. | Master of Divinity student
Graduate of Canadian Mennonite University,
Winnipeg, Man.

"As a seminary student, I am deeply grateful for the financial help that I have received from AMBS and other church-related organizations. Going to school is expensive, and loans add up quickly. Receiving help financially provides me with the opportunity to focus my attention on my studies and my formation as a church leader. It also gives me the sense that I am being called from a community, a community that supports me and is walking with me on my journey."

Lily C. Chan and Ida K. Cheng Scholarship

The first preference is to be given to students of Chinese descent with birth origins in Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, Philippines, etc. If there are no applicants with these origins, then other Asian or international students will qualify.

Lily Chan was born in Ning Po, China, on March 6, 1916. She attended the China Christian Girls' High School in Nanking. During her study there, she came to know Ida Cheng, one of the teachers at the girls' school. Miss Cheng and Lily became inseparable friends. They fled together during the war; they were together when Lily was married in 1942 to Wilson S.K. Chan. After the war, the entire family moved to Hong Kong.

In 1958, Lily became ill with cancer. At this time of helplessness, she realized her spiritual need. She cried to the Lord and was healed, but more importantly, her heart was changed. She became committed to serving God for the rest of her life. This scholarship is a joyous memorial of her faith, decision, and commitment.

Virgil and Louise Claassen Endowment for International Student Scholarships

For international students studying at AMBS.

This scholarship was established in 2002 by family and friends of the Claassens. For 29 years, Virgil served as director of business and finance at AMBS. Here he came into direct contact with international students who were far from home. Together with Louise, they extended warm hospitality, recalling their own experiences as strangers in a foreign land—Louise as a young child leaving her home in Germany during the war, Virgil as a young adult leaving the Kansas farm to serve with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Paraguay, and both as a young couple serving in Crete and Jordan with MCC. This fund became a practical way to assist others.

George and Agatha Eitzen Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid. Historical preference has been given to students from Minnesota followed by Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

George and Agatha Eitzen lived their entire lives in Mountain Lake, Minn. George was born in 1891, spent his career as a banker, and died in 1945. Agatha was born in 1895, spent her life as a homemaker, and died in 1963. This fund was established by their family in 1964 to honor their memory.

Irvin D. Eitzen Scholarship

For a student preparing for ministry.

Irvin Eitzen was Carol Reitmeyer's first husband. Born in 1933, Irvin grew up in Hillsboro, Kan., with his siblings and parents, Ben and Martha Eitzen, where they attended the Mennonite church. He died in 1965. Carol established this scholarship fund to honor Irvin and perpetuate his memory.

Herman and Estelle Enns Memorial Scholarship

For a Canadian student involved in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE).

Reverend Herman Enns, a graduate of Mennonite Biblical Seminary, was a strong believer in training for Christian ministry and in Clinical Pastoral Education. He was a pastor in Hamilton,

Ont., taught at McMaster Divinity School in Hamilton, served as chaplain at McMaster University Medical Center, and was active in inter-Mennonite work in Ontario.

John A. and Bernice A. Esau Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Bernice's vocation was as a surgical nurse in several hospitals. She completed her career as patient care coordinator in Newton, Kan. In retirement she continues to be active in various volunteer roles: as a volunteer income tax assistant, in senior health care counseling, and at a used bookstore.

John is a graduate of Mennonite Biblical Seminary (1962) and served on the AMBS Board of Directors (1999–2009). He pastored Faith Mennonite Church in Minneapolis, Minn., and Bethel College Mennonite Church in North Newton, Kan., and then for 15 years served as director of ministerial leadership for the General Conference Mennonite Church. He continues to write a column for *Mennonite Weekly Review*, serves with Bernice at the used bookstore, and is a deacon in the congregation he once served as pastor.

John and Bernice are members at Bethel College Mennonite Church. They share a strong commitment to the value and importance of theological education in preparation for service in pastoral ministry for Christ and the church.

Alma Eymann Seminary Scholarship

For a student who is a member of Meadows Mennonite Church in Chenoa, Ill. (which closed on Aug. 31, 2007), or another congregation within Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

When Alma Eymann died, she gave money to Meadows Mennonite Church in Chenoa, Ill., in her will, and the congregation chose to give to church institutions in the form of student scholarships. The church's decision may well have been influenced by Alma's family's dedication to AMBS. Alma's sister was Emma Bertsche; Emma's children include John A. and Evelyn Bertsche, Paul and June Bertsche, and Adele and LaMar Reichert. When Emma passed away, her children added funds from her estate to this scholarship fund.

Werner K. Fransen Next Generation Scholarship

For a student from Mennonite Church USA or Mennonite Church Canada with leadership skills and a commitment to church ministry; in the Master of Divinity program; with demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to women.

Werner Klassen Fransen was born April 5, 1942, in Vineland, Ont. He was baptized into Vineland United Mennonite Church in 1960 and married Kay Ann Schrag in 1965 in Moundridge, Kan. Werner graduated from Bethel College in North Newton, Kan., and the University of Toronto School of Medicine. He practiced urology in Bloomington-Normal, Ill., for more than 25 years and was an active member of the Mennonite Church of Normal.

Werner loved to sing hymns, both in German and English, and believed that Mennonite institutions of higher education are essential to the life of the North American Mennonite church of tomorrow. He died in Normal on June 1, 2001, after sustaining severe head injuries in an automobile-pedestrian accident.

Jacob R. and Mary R. Fretz Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Jacob and Mary's three sons established this fund in memory of their parents. Jacob Rittenhouse Fretz (1886–1974) was a very active layman at Grace Mennonite Church, Lansdale, Pa., as well as a board member of Bluffton (Ohio) College (now University) and a proponent of AMBS. Mary Rickert Fretz (1889–1957) was the first woman to vote in Lansdale, Pa., in the 1919–1921 era when, through the 19th Amendment, women received the right to vote.

Arthur H. and Viola V. Friesen Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Arthur H. Friesen, Reedley, Calif., and Viola V. Graber, Freeman, S.D., met as older students at Bethel College in North Newton, Kan. Both were interested in mission work and attended one year at Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago (1939–1940), prior to the formation of Mennonite Biblical Seminary. They served as missionaries to the Cheyenne and Arapaho in Oklahoma from 1940 to 1958 under the General Conference Mennonite Church Board of Foreign Missions. They were lifelong supporters of Mennonite Biblical Seminary and AMBS.

Menno J. and Marie Galle Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Menno Jacob Galle was born Aug. 11, 1883, in Christian, Kan., to Reverend William and Maria (Krehbiel) Galle. On Aug. 28, 1898, his father baptized him and wrote Philippians 3:12 in Menno's Bible. Menno graduated from Bethel College, North Newton, Kan., in 1912. He also attended Iliff Seminary in Denver, Colo., during the course of several summers. In July 1912 he began his work in a small mission church in Hague, Sask. In 1913 he also became the principal of a church college at Rosthern, Sask.

Marie (Friesen) Galle was born May 20, 1891, near Emerson, Man., to Jacob J. and Margaretha Friesen. At an early age she began to study music and took piano and organ lessons. Music became the joy and work of her life. On June 23, 1912, she was baptized and united with the Mennonite Church.

On Jan. 1, 1914, Menno Galle married Marie Friesen of Hague, Sask. They lived on campus at the school where he taught until June 1919. Some of his pastorates included two Mennonite churches near Lind and Ruff, Wash., from July 1919 to July 1922; two Mennonite churches near Ritzville and Ruff, Wash., from 1929 to 1937 and the English Congregational Church in Odessa from January 1931 to December 1947. He also served in pastorates in Idaho and California.

Menno was a professor at Bethel College, North Newton, Kan., and secretary of the General Conference Mennonite Publication Board for 15 years. His reply to the challenge to serve in various places was always Joshua 24:24: "The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will I obey."

Marie was a faithful assistant in all the work of the church. She served as organist, worked with children and young people in Sunday schools and Christian Endeavor societies and in organized choirs. Throughout the greater part of her life she gave piano and organ lessons.

Rev. Galle died June 8, 1971, in San Luis Obispo, Calif., at the age of 87. Marie passed away in August 1975 in Reedley, Calif., at the age of 84.

Norman S. Gingrich Scholarship

For a student demonstrating financial need.

Norman S. Gingrich, a native of Ontario, Can., was one of 10 children. In 1901, he married Esther Gehman. They moved to northern Indiana in their later years. He had an early interest in Mennonite education and was a part-time teacher of business at the Elkhart Institute. This fund began in 1947; for the first 30 years, it was awarded to Gingrich relatives. Since 1977, the scholarship has been available to students at both Goshen (Ind.) College and AMBS who demonstrate financial need.

Sarah Harder Memorial Scholarship

For a Canadian student demonstrating financial need who plans to be in ministry in the church.

In 1986, the Sarah Harder Memorial Scholarship was set up to honor her life. She was a very supportive friend of Mennonite Biblical Seminary (prior to the merger with Goshen Biblical Seminary, which created what is now AMBS).

J.S. Hartzler Memorial Scholarship

For advanced Bible students—preferably from Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Ind.—who have maintained good academic standing and demonstrate need.

J.S. Hartzler was born near Topeka, Ind., in 1857, and he grew up on a farm there. At age 18 he became a teacher in Honeyville, Ind. In 1880, he married Fannie Stutzman; they had one child, who died when he was 26 years old.

Although it was a difficult decision, J.S. became pastor of Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Ind., in 1923, when he was 65. Fannie died in 1929, and J.S. married Catherine (Christophel) Bauer in 1930.

J.S. was a strong Bible teacher and an encourager for every member of the church. He was part of the team who led the first Summer Bible School held at Prairie Street Mennonite. For many years, he was editor of the Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference newsletter, *Gospel Evangel*. He also authored several books. He had a long-term interest in Bible teaching and was a Bible teacher at Goshen College.

In 1952, the Hartzlers moved to the Mennonite Home for the Aged in Rittman, Ohio, where J.S. died in 1953.



Cara Pfeiffer

Galion, Ohio

Master of Arts: Theological Studies student
Graduate of Malone University, Canton, Ohio

“Seminary can be an expensive venture; however, each semester my husband and I have both received scholarship money and church matching grant money from the seminary. These two forms of aid have allowed us to study full time at the same time.”

(Joe Pfeiffer, Cara’s husband, is in the Master of Divinity program. He also is a graduate of Malone University.)

R.L. Hartzler Scholarship

For a student demonstrating financial need.

Raymond Livingston “R.L.” Hartzler was ordained as a minister in 1916 and as an elder in 1931. His pastorates included Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Topeka, Ind. (1916–1928); Carlock Mennonite Church in Illinois (1928–1941); and several interim pastorates.

R.L. served the Central Conference Mennonite Church in a variety of capacities after 1927, including conference secretary (1928–1937) and board member for Mennonite Biblical Seminary (1943–1959). He was instrumental in the affiliation of the Central Conference Mennonite Church with the General Conference Mennonite Church (1946) and in the merger of the Central Conference with the Middle District Conference (1957) to form the Central District Conference of the General Conference Mennonite Church. He served the new district as conference minister (1957–1964). He died June 27, 1988, at Bloomington, Ill.

Howard and Alma Hestand Scholarship

For a student who demonstrates financial need and is involved in Hispanic training ministry.

Howard Hestand was a member of Doylestown (Pa.) Mennonite Church. Before his death on July 31, 1990, he expressed a desire to benefit AMBS. He believed the Lord had blessed his work and that, as a faithful steward of those blessings, he should pass the blessings on.

Esther Smucker Hodel Scholarship

For (in priority order) (1) an international student from Africa, or (2) a student preparing for study with a missions leadership emphasis, or (3) a worthy student demonstrating financial need.

Esther Elizabeth Smucker Hodel was one of the first women physicians in the Mennonite Church. The obstacles she overcame to attain her degree exemplified her strong spirit and will to serve God.

When Esther was a young girl, stories of missionaries inspired her to think about medicine. Her interest grew as she acquired an understanding of women in India who suffered from lack of health care. These stories deeply motivated her to become a physician, as she felt God was calling her to serve in India.

In early 20th-century America, it was unusual for a woman—particularly a Mennonite woman—to practice medicine. So Esther received a teaching certificate after high school and initiated a short career in a one-room schoolhouse, using her savings to finance a degree in higher education.

After graduating from Goshen College in 1925 with a major in physical science, Esther entered Women’s Medical College in Philadelphia, one of the few institutions in the United States that trained women physicians at that time. She received her medical degree in 1931, and was deeply disappointed when her plans for foreign medical mission service could not be realized because a yearlong struggle with and recovery from tuberculosis had disqualified her. She went on to set up a private practice in the rural community of Morton, Ill.

On Nov. 4, 1934, she married John P. Hodel, a German Mennonite farmer who had immigrated to the United States. John consistently supported Esther in her busy medical practice, which continued successfully for 40 years.

Esther's caregiving—indicative of and stemming from her deep faith—extended far beyond her medical practice. She freely shared her gifts of teaching, faith and encouragement with those around her and within the congregations where she worshiped. This scholarship is a fruit, an extension, of her practice of encouraging and helping others to fully develop their skills for a life of faith and service.

Iowa/AMBS Scholarship

For a student from Iowa or Central Plains Mennonite Conference who is working toward a degree or certificate

In 2003, Grant Nebel called together people from southwest Iowa to contribute to a scholarship for AMBS students.

Edmund G. and Anna Miller Kaufman Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Edmund G. Kaufman was president of Bethel College, North Newton, Kan., for 20 years and a leader of the General Conference Mennonites. Edmund also was involved with the beginning of AMBS and taught there from time to time. He and his wife, Anna, set up the fund to support AMBS.

Henry and Mary Eleanor Kochsmeier Pastoral Training Scholarship

For students who show strong promise for church ministry and who demonstrate financial need. Priority will be given to students from Pacific Southwest Conference, west of the Mississippi, or other areas of the church—in that order.

Since their son graduated from AMBS, Henry and Mary Eleanor chose to create this scholarship to encourage other young people who are called to ministry, because they are the future of the church.

Daniel C. and Clara L. Krehbiel Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Daniel Christian and Clara Leah Krehbiel were married in 1907. They began their life together in St. Louis, Mo., where Daniel was engaged in the retail mercantile business. In 1908, they moved the

business and themselves to Reedley, Calif. Daniel later entered the banking industry. He was active in the community, serving as an advisor for SunMaid Raisin Growers and giving much time to help organize and build the Reedley Hospital.

Both Daniel and Clara were active members of First Mennonite Church of Reedley. She was involved in the Sunday school ministry and held various offices with the Women's Missionary Society. He held various positions in the church.

They also were active in the larger General Conference Mennonite Church. Clara served on the General Conference Women's Missionary Association. Daniel assisted in organizing the Mennonite Aid Plan of the Pacific District and served on the building committee and board of directors when Mennonite Central Committee built Kings View, a mental hospital in Reedley.

Paul and Mary Lederach Scholarship

For a Mennonite student with a call to pastoral leadership who shows promise in preaching.

In 1978, Paul completed 29 years of service at Mennonite Publishing House in Scottdale, Pa. During his years in Scottdale (1952–1978), he was active in Allegheny Mennonite Conference. His ministerial credentials—as a minister in 1944 and bishop in 1949—were transferred from Franconia Mennonite Conference in 1954.

In Allegheny Conference, Paul served as bishop/overseer, a term as moderator, and for many years as chair of the Leadership Commission with Irv Weaver, Allegheny Conference moderator. They felt that the seminary was preparing scholars, counselors and administrators, but not preachers. Yet when they worked with congregations in leadership change, preaching was always the primary skill hoped for in the new pastoral leader.

Paul and Mary established this scholarship fund in 1986 to encourage excellence in preaching, expand opportunities to teach and develop preaching skills, bring effective preachers to the campus as role models, and provide scholarships for students committed to excellence in preaching.

Ella Mae Lehman Memorial Scholarship for International Women

For a full- or part-time female student who (1) originates outside of North America, or (2) plans to serve abroad, or (3) has a strong Christian faith and the ability to succeed in seminary study.

Ella Mae served with Mennonite Central Committee and Menno Travel service in Congo and Kenya. She was active in ministry, beginning with her home congregation in Kidron, Ohio. She had a deep love of learning, and modeled a profound faith in and love of God.

This scholarship fund will help perpetuate things of significance to her: ministry in the church, love of learning, and support for people—particularly women—throughout the worldwide church.

Wayne J. and Loveda M. Liechty Scholarship

A student from West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon, Ohio, or from northwest Ohio.

Wayne and Loveda Liechty spent most of their lives in Archbold, Ohio. They were both active in West Clinton Mennonite Church. Wayne was the owner of Liechty Farm Equipment for more than 60 years, and he also served as a volunteer chaplain with jail ministries.

At one time in his life, Wayne wanted to be a minister, but he was never encouraged. In 2001, Wayne and Loveda established this fund to encourage others training for the ministry. Wayne died in November 2005.

John J. and Anna Loewen Scholarship

For a Canadian student.

Mary J. Loewen established this scholarship fund in 1979 as a memorial fund to her late parents, John J. and Anna Loewen, to support the educational program of AMBS by providing aid to train Canadian students preparing for Christian ministry.

Louis L. Miller Scholarship

For students demonstrating financial need and studying to be engaged in international missionary endeavors.

Louis Miller was raised Amish, met his wife while pursuing a degree at Goshen (Ind.) College, and was a clergyman most of his life—pastoring in Iowa, Ohio, Maine and Indiana.

He had two children, Florence Elizabeth (“Betty”) and Burman. Betty never married. Burman met his wife, Marilyn, at DeKalb College; they were married in the late 1940s. Burman died in 1959. In 1963, Marilyn married John Neitzel. Marilyn and Betty considered themselves sisters and remained close. John and Marilyn walked with Betty during her illness until her death in April 2003.

Marlin E. Miller Memorial Church Leadership Award

For a student demonstrating strong Christian commitment, practical leadership and relationship skills, theology in harmony with the church, emotional health, and good academic performance. Must meet all five criteria.

Marlin E. Miller was born Nov. 29, 1938, in Iowa City, Iowa. He was ordained in 1971 and served as president and professor of theology at AMBS. He was the first president of AMBS in 1990, after the merging of Mennonite Biblical Seminary and Goshen Biblical Seminary, and served until his untimely death in November 1994. He was a gifted Mennonite leader with incisive theological vision.

Paul M. and Bertha M. Miller Pastoral Leadership Scholarship

For a student, preferably female, in order to facilitate conference-based theological education.

Paul and Bertha Miller were both natives of Lancaster County, Pa. Both grew up on farms and—following their marriage in 1938—they farmed the Miller homestead for eight years.

Both Paul and Bertha came to feel the Lord was calling them to another type of ministry elsewhere. In 1945 they began planning for service with the mission board, selling the farm and moving to Goshen, Ind. Paul graduated from Goshen College in 1949 and went on to graduate school at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. They moved back to Goshen, and Paul entered full time into his 32 years of teaching practical theology courses at Goshen Biblical Seminary, now AMBS. He later added Clinical Pastoral Education to his course offerings.

Bertha received a B.S. in Elementary Education from Goshen College in 1966. Twelve years of teaching followed—one year in Nairobi, Kenya, and rest in Goshen.

Paul and Bertha spent two sabbatical leaves in Africa—first in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda (1966–68) and then in Lesotho, Botswana, and Swaziland (beginning in 1977). Paul retired from the seminary in 1984.

Dwight D. Moser and Harry J. Moser Scholarship

For a student from (1) the Berne area (Adams County, Ind.), or (2) Indiana or western Ohio, or (3) any worthy applicant who most nearly matches the aforementioned criteria.

Dwight D. Moser and Harry J. Moser were brothers. The two men, never married, farmed together in the Berne, Ind., area, raising crops and beef cattle. Both were members of the First Mennonite Church in Berne. They had a heart for the church and its mission and for the seminary. This endowed scholarship fund was established with estate funds and in consultation with their nephew, Duane A. Moser.

Peter T. and Lena Wiens Neufeld Scholarship

Preference is given in the following order: (1) a direct descendant of Peter T. and Lena Wiens Neufeld; (2) a member of Bethel Mennonite Church in Inman, Kan.; (3) a pastoral ministry or missionary candidate; or (4) the nearest match so that the generated scholarship money can be used each year.

This scholarship was established by Vern and Helen Neufeld Jantz in memory of her parents. Her father, Peter T. Neufeld, was a minister and elder at Bethel Mennonite Church in Inman, Kan., for 40 years. During his lifetime, he maintained a strong interest in young people, encouraging them to a life of Christian service—whether in voluntary service, mission work or pastoral ministry. This scholarship will continue his vision for the church.

New York State Scholarship for Leadership Development

For a student with demonstrated financial need from a Mennonite church in New York State who is (1) full time, or (2) part time, or (3) enrolled in a continuing education program of AMBS, or (4) a full- or part-time student with demonstrated financial need from any church denomination in New York State, or (5) an international student demonstrating financial need.

Syracuse (N.Y.) Mennonite Fellowship (SMF) dissolved in 2001, which afforded this congregation the special opportunity of distributing SMF assets in ways that would reflect the values that SMF stood for during its 25 years of ministry. They established this fund because leadership training of persons in the Mennonite Church was always a priority for SMF. It is their sincere prayer that

God will add a special blessing to these gifts in strengthening the ministry of New York Mennonite Conference.

Kaye Ferguson Patton Honorary Scholarship

For a United Methodist Church student pursuing education for pastoral leadership at AMBS. The scholarship is based on need more than academic merit, although the candidate's dedication to learning will be taken into consideration.

Kaye Ferguson Patton graduated from AMBS in 1999 with a Master of Divinity.

Fidelia E. Plett Scholarship

For a student who is (1) a member of Western District Conference, or (2) a member of South Central Mennonite Conference, and from south central Kansas.

Fidelia E. Balzer Plett was born Oct. 10, 1907, on a farm near Buhler, Kan. She graduated from high school and attended Bethel College in North Newton, Kan. She taught and then earned a degree in social work.

Fidelia worked in military hospitals in Hawaii, Korea and Japan. Her other interests included library improvement; local historical societies; and artistry in painting, ceramics and sewing.

Fidelia's Christian faith was an important part of her life. She directed that her estate be used to fund a charitable foundation that would benefit the groups of people and institutions which she held as important throughout her life.

Alvin and Vera Ratzlaff Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Alvin and Vera Ratzlaff operated a dairy and grain farm in Meno, Okla., for many years. They were actively involved in their church, New Hopedale Mennonite Church in Meno, where Alvin was a deacon. Due to their house being next to a highway, they often hosted guest speakers. Alvin passed away in 1982 at the age of 75. Vera died in 1988 at the age of 82.



Joshua Weaver

Bluffton, Ohio | Master of Arts: Peace Studies student
Graduate of Goshen (Ind.) College

“The scholarship I receive as a student at AMBS enables me to explore vocation in a thoughtful, educational community, while actively growing theologically. I am grateful to those who have made my theological education possible—from family, friends, and my church congregation to professors, the seminary and its supporters. It is a true gift to feel the support of the seminary and the broader Mennonite Church in my studies.”

Clysta Ann Richard, M.D., Memorial Scholarship

Priority is as follows: (1) Clysta’s family member, or (2) any student from Iowa, or (3) any worthy student studying at AMBS.

Clysta Ann Richard, M.D., was born in Wayland, Iowa, on July 31, 1930, and died in Des Moines, Iowa, on March 23, 2008.

As a child, she wanted to be a physician, and she persisted in that desire. After completing college and medical school, she took a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Iowa Hospitals. Subsequently she practiced OB/GYN in Des Moines with Beverly Robinson, M.D., until her retirement in 1991.

Clysta’s heart’s desire was to be a missionary, but her father died young and she took to heart the biblical admonition to care for family, so she stayed home and cared for her mother and brother.

She was always generous in support of church and church-related institutions, and AMBS was one of her “favorites.” This scholarship is established in her honor and memory, with the hope that it will assist a student in fulfilling his or her own mission in service to the church.

J.D. and Lucille M. Risser Scholarship

For a full-time student who is a member of Eighth Street Mennonite Church in Goshen, Ind., and demonstrates need; or any worthy student demonstrating need.

J.D. and Lucille Risser were business people in the city of Goshen, Ind., and for approximately 40 years operated Lucille's Apparel Store. They were active members of Eighth Street Mennonite Church.

Riverside Brass and Aluminum Foundry Ltd. Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Partners Ervin Steinmann and the late Elmer Schlegel moved this fledgling foundry business from Preston, Ont., to the former Hahn Brass Works on Waterloo Street in nearby New Hamburg in 1969. For Ervin, now retired, it was a homecoming. He was returning to the place where he had first worked in the industry and mastered the casting trade. Over the years, Riverside Brass' workforce has grown from 2 to more than 125, and its client list has risen to over 100.

Family ownership is a key feature of the Riverside success story. Ervin Steinmann was at the helm for 33 years. His sons-in-law, David N. Seyler (married to Susan) and Lynn Yantzi (married to Nancy) served as co-presidents, and David continues as president. His son, Doug Steinmann, serves as vice-president.

Ervin and Erma Steinmann established this scholarship to aid seminary students.

Mary K. Ropp Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

I.W. Royer Scholarship

For a student preparing for full-time ministry in the church who is a member of (1) Orrville (Ohio) Mennonite Church, or (2) a Mennonite church in the Ohio Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Lowell and Jueldine Rupp Scholarship

For a student who is preparing for full-time ministry, or is involved in voluntary service, or is desiring to study at the seminary for a short period of time.

Lowell and Jueldine Rupp are members of West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon, Ohio. They were both involved in farming and then operated a business constructing grain trucks and equipment for grain elevators and farm silos for corn and silage. Now they live and work on a ranch in Florida for seven to eight months of the year and spend the summer months with an elderly parent. They believe in education for ministers, missionaries, and other church leaders.

H.R. Schertz Memorial Scholarship

For a student from Metamora (Ill.) Mennonite Church, or any worthy student.

Henry R. Schertz was born on Feb. 24, 1886, in Illinois. When he was 15, he was converted to Christ and subsequently baptized. He became a member of the Metamora (Ill.) Amish Mennonite Church, where he remained for the rest of his earthly life. At age 17, Henry knew the Lord had some service for him to do, and he dedicated himself to the Lord for whatever that should be.

He felt the need to better prepare himself for the Lord's service, so in 1908 he attended Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill. In 1917 he was ordained as a pastor. Later, he studied at Bethany Bible School in Chicago, Ill., and while in Chicago, he was asked to be superintendent of the Mennonite Home Mission there.

When his training was complete, Henry returned to Metamora Church to begin 31 years as minister. In 1941, he was ordained as a bishop. He was active in the leadership of his district conference and of Illinois Conference, serving on the Executive Committee of the Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities, representing the conference on the Mennonite Board of Education for 26 years, and from 1947 to 1949 serving as assistant moderator of the Mennonite Church.

At age 68, he appeared to be in good health, but after returning from a vacation he suffered a stroke and died the following day, Feb. 9, 1954. After his passing, the leaders of Metamora Mennonite Church established this fund in honor of his many years of service—not only the 31 years as pastor/bishop of

Metamora Mennonite, but also his various positions of service in the Mennonite Church.

Selma Schilling Scholarship

Preference is given in the following order: (1) students from First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, Kan.; (2) students who have or are serving an internship at First Mennonite Church of Christian; (3) students from Moundridge, Kan.; (4) students from Western District Conference; (5) a full-time student with demonstrated financial need; (6) a part-time student with demonstrated financial need.

Selma Schilling was a member of First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, Kan.

Earl and Florence Schlegel Next Generation Scholarship

For student exhibiting strong Christian commitment and potential for church leadership.

Earl and Florence Schlegel began farming in 1945 on a mixed farm typical of the day. Earl saw farming as meeting a basic human need, more than just a business. He passed away in March 2000. Florence has served on the board of Conrad Grebel University College, Waterloo, Ont., and continues to be an active member at East Zorra Mennonite Church in Tavistock, Ont. One of their sons, Harold Hildebrand Schlegel, graduated from AMBS in 1992 with a Master of Divinity.

Hazel Schleicher Scholarship

For a student from Eastern District Conference or Franconia Mennonite Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

Robert M. Schroeder Memorial Scholarship

For a student who intends to engage in a full-time ministerial career and is (1) a relative of Robert M. Schroeder; or (2) a resident of McPherson, Marion, Harvey, or Reno counties in Kansas; or (3) any worthy student.

Mathilda Schroeder established the Robert M. Schroeder Memorial Scholarship in memory of her late husband, a resident of McPherson County, Kan., who died in a work-related accident in 1975. It was her hope that this fund would express Robert's faith by being a positive factor in the influence of the church upon present and future generations.

Glenn and Florence Shutt Scholarship

For a student who is preparing for pastoral ministry in the Mennonite Church or who is from First Mennonite Church of Sugarcreek, Ohio.

Glenn Shutt and Florence Bender were married in May 1935. Glenn and Florence lived on her parents' farm after their marriage and purchased it in 1941. In the mid 1940s, Glenn was afflicted with arthritis, which made it difficult for him to farm. He found work with the county auditor in 1953 and stayed until his retirement in 1973.

The Shutts were active members of First Mennonite Church in Sugarcreek, Ohio. They established this scholarship in 1978, prior to their deaths in 1989 and 1997, respectively.

Florence once said, "I am grateful that the seminary is there to prepare people for church leadership. I like to think that this money will continue to assist students long after I am gone."

Gladys Siebert Memorial Scholarship

Priority is as follows: (1) a full-time student who is a member of Bethesda Mennonite Church in Henderson, Neb.; or (2) a full-time student who is serving or has served as an intern at Bethesda Mennonite Church; or (3) a full-time student from Taiwan; or (4) a part-time student demonstrating financial need who meets the above stated prioritized guidelines; or (5) any full-time student demonstrating financial need.

Gladys Siebert was born and grew up in Henderson, Neb., where she attended Bethesda Mennonite Church. She was a descendent of a family who was among the first Mennonites to come from Russia in 1874. She took nurse's training at Bethel College in North Newton, Kan.; studied at AMBS; and served at Prairie View Mental Hospital in Newton, Kan.

Gladys was a nurse, anesthetist, and chaplain in Taiwan for 25 years. She was honored by the President of Taiwan for her contributions to medicine. She was part of the team that started with a mobile clinic to the mountain people; in less than 50 years, they dedicated a 500-bed hospital in Hualian, Taiwan.

The scholarship was established by Gladys' family members in Nebraska. Her sister believes that all should follow their calling as Gladys did. She valued Mennonite schools' way of teaching about Christian life.

J.N. and Mary Lantz Smucker Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

J.N. Smucker was a minister in the Mennonite Church for more than 50 years and president of the General Conference Mennonite Church for many years. If a student is interested, Leonard and Lois Smucker can send information about J.N.'s refugee service in Turkey after World War I and a biographical sketch of his life, including his travels by camel caravan through the desert.

Mary Irene Liechty Smucker Next Generation Scholarship

Priority is as follows: (1) a student from a congregation of Mennonite Church USA or Mennonite Church Canada, (2) an M.Div. student with leadership skills who is committed to church ministry, (3) a student demonstrating financial need, (4) a female student, (5) any worthy student at AMBS.

Mary Smucker was a nurse—receiving her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Goshen (Ind.) College—and a member of East Bend Mennonite Church, Fisher, Ill. She taught Sunday School and Bible school, and was a sponsor of the youth group with her husband. They planted Evanston (Ill.) Mennonite Church.

Later, she moved to Goshen and was active in College Mennonite Church, Goshen; taught home nursing for two years at Goshen College; and served in Nav Jivan Hospital in Satbarwa, Bihar, India.

Clifford Snyder Memorial Scholarship

For a student preparing to enter foreign missionary service.

Clifford Snyder was active all his life in First Mennonite Church, Kitchener, Ont. He graduated from Goshen (Ind.) Biblical Seminary in 1946. Answering the call to the mission field, he and his wife, Doris (Swartzentruber), and their two young children, Arnold and Margaret (Schipani) left for Argentina in 1947. While on board the ship, Clifford became ill, and he died suddenly soon after the vessel had crossed the equator. He was 33. He was buried at sea. Doris continued the trip to Argentina with their two small children, and there, amidst various hardships, she carried on the mission work that she and Clifford had set out to accomplish. Clifford was the son of Menno and Ida (Groh) Snyder, and Doris is the daughter of Amos and Edna (Litwiller) Swartzentruber. Doris is retired, and she lives in Fort Myers, Fla.

Elvin and Esther Snyder Scholarship

For a student who originates from any North, Central, or South American country; any island of the West Indies; or Spain.

Elvin Snyder was born near Breslau, Ont., in 1900. He studied at Toronto Bible College (1925), Goshen (Ind.) College (BA, 1927), and Southwest Texas State Teachers College (MA, 1952). He was a Mennonite Board of Missions worker in Argentina (1928–47) and in Puerto Rico (1953–64). Elvin also served as a pastor in Texas and Wisconsin and as a Spanish instructor at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va.

He married Mary Adah Fretz in 1928; she died in 1974. He married Esther Brunk Fadner in 1978. He died Dec. 6, 1985 in Elkhart, Ind. This fund was established upon Esther's death (Dec. 13, 1987).

R.J. and Fannie Sommer Church Leadership Award

For a student demonstrating strong Christian commitment, practical leadership and relationship skills, theology in harmony with the church, emotional health, and good academic performance. Must meet all five criteria.

Raymond J. Sommer was born in Saybrook, Ill., on June 26, 1904, and died in Mishawaka, Ind., on Feb. 24, 1978. Fannie Nafziger was born in Hopedale, Ill., on June 11, 1907, and died in Elkhart, Ind., on June 30, 1994. They were married on Dec. 28, 1928. This fund was established upon her death to honor their memories.

Maurice and Opal Stahly Scholarship

For a student enrolled in the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts: Peace Studies, or Master of Arts: Theological Studies program who has expressed interest in pursuing questions of business ventures and/or business ethics.

Maurice and Opal Stahly have a long history of being service-oriented. In 1951, they started Maurice Transport Co. with a single tractor and trailer. During those early years of business, Maurice saw how important quality service was. He was determined never to expand the transport company at the expense of dependable, quality service. This commitment to service made Maurice Transport Co. a successful business enterprise.

Maurice's commitment to service also has been demonstrated in his commitment to the mission of Christ's Kingdom. Through

the years, Maurice has served on many church boards and church-wide mission organizations. Having witnessed the importance of quality, caring service, Maurice and Opal also have a vision for quality service in Christian organizations, understanding that quality begins with the staff.

The Maurice L. and Opal L. Stahly Scholarship Fund is designed to provide experience and education for seminary students with special emphasis on the pastoral needs of business people in the church.

Walter and Martha Stamm Racial/Ethnic Scholarship

For a minority student who is preparing to provide church leadership in his/her home church.

Walter and Martha Stamm were committed to church leadership development and had an interest in racial/ethnic congregations; they helped begin a Hispanic church in the 1960s. Walter is a retired soybean farmer and enjoys fishing. He feels he should have been a missionary, and this scholarship is a way of honoring that call.

James A. Steiner Memorial Scholarship for Bivocational Pastors

Priority is as follows: (1) a full-time student who is a bivocational pastor from a Mennonite congregation in Ohio, or (2) a part-time student who is a bivocational pastor from a Mennonite congregation in Ohio, or (3) a full-time student from Ohio who is preparing for bivocational ministry, or (4) any full-time student preparing for bivocational ministry, or (5) any full-time student in financial need.

James Steiner devoted his life to education and Christian ministry. As a young man, he felt called to enter the ministry, following the example of his father, Albert J. Steiner, a Mennonite pastor and bishop.

James' interest in ministry and his vocation as a teacher soon led to calls to serve small, rural congregations. For 16 years, he served both as teacher and minister for congregations in Missouri, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. From 1956 to 1961, he served as full-time minister for Bethel Mennonite Church in Wadsworth, Ohio.

His family wishes to honor his memory and acknowledge his contributions with this scholarship. They believe that God's call to ministry may not be recognized before a person begins another vocation, and that the experience of bivocational ministry may confirm a person's call to pastoral service.



Alicia Buhler

Hudson Bay, Sask. | Master of Divinity student
Graduate of Canadian Mennonite University,
Winnipeg, Man.

"I had a clear sense that I was being called to study at AMBS. I had applied and been accepted; however, I was having difficulty figuring out exactly how I would manage these studies financially.

I would like to say that I just trusted and it all came together, but I will admit that I had given up hope that moving to Elkhart and becoming a full-time student—given my financial reality—would be possible. On the day that I called my parents to let them know that the move was off, I received a letter from AMBS notifying me of a scholarship opportunity. Though I had given up, God has other plans. What I have realized is that seminary education is a community effort and that without the support of the church, I would not be here today."

Robert and Edith Stoltzfus "Buckeye" Scholarship

For pastors or missionaries for study sabbaticals, and for pastors with limited preparation for additional training. People who are members of racial/ethnic groups and/or who are serving in an urban ministry setting will be given special consideration.

The purpose of the Buckeye Scholarship is to undergird people who are committed to pastoral and missionary ministries by helping fund study for renewal and retooling, and to encourage training for people with limited training who already are involved in pastoring.

Minnie Sutter Seminary Scholarship

Priority is as follows: (1) a member of Hopewell Mennonite Church, Kouts, Ind., who is (1a) a full-time student, or (1b) a part-time student, or (1c) enrolled in the Continuing Education Program of AMBS; or (2) a full-time student who is serving or has served as a pastoral intern at Hopewell Mennonite Church, Kouts, Ind.; or (3) a student from a Mennonite church in Indiana who demonstrates financial need.

Born in 1915, Minnie Sutter was the eighth child of nine. When she was very young, her family moved to the Kouts community and became members of Hopewell Mennonite Church. Minnie was baptized there and taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She loved children and teaching and set her heart on a career in teaching.

Minnie graduated from Goshen (Ind.) College with a degree in elementary education and was an elementary school teacher for 47 years, first in Kouts and later in the South Bend Community Schools. While living in South Bend, she helped start Kern Road Mennonite Church.

No matter where she lived, Minnie always maintained an interest in Hopewell Mennonite Church. After retiring from teaching, she continued her interest in young people by starting scholarships at Goshen College and AMBS for students interested in teaching and pastoral ministry.

Willard M. and Mary L. Swartley Church Leadership Award

For a student demonstrating strong Christian commitment, practical leadership and relationship skills, theology in harmony with the church, emotional health, and good academic performance. Must meet all five criteria.

Willard Swartley was a long-term professor of New Testament and former dean at AMBS. He is the author of several internationally used seminary textbooks and is writing a commentary on the Gospel of John. Mary was an administrator and business teacher in three different Mennonite high schools. She also was a part-time student and occasional volunteer at AMBS. Both Willard and Mary have served on Mennonite Church boards. From 2006 to 2008, Mary was moderator of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference.

They want to encourage students to have their vocation shaped by their study at AMBS. They also want to encourage students to

become church leaders. They are concerned that students have help with the financial costs of Mennonite seminary education.

Trinity Mennonite Church Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Clifford and Louise Troyer Church Leadership Award

For a student demonstrating strong Christian commitment, practical leadership and relationship skills, theology in harmony with the church, emotional health, and good academic performance. Must meet all five criteria.

Clifford Troyer attended Goshen (Ind.) College and, in 1955–56, completed 1-W service at the Mennonite Hospital in Bloomington, Ill., where he met Louise, a student nurse. They married in 1956 and moved to Waterford, Pa.

Clifford engaged in a potato growing operation, then started Troyer Farms Potato Chip and Snack Food Company in 1967. Clifford and Louise own Troyer Farms Snack Food Company, which acquired Dan Dee Pretzel and Potato Chip Company in 1984 and Seyfert Potato Chips in 2001. Their three sons assist them in owning and managing the company. All are members of Beaverdam Mennonite Church, Corry, Pa.

Clifford and Louise were made aware of the need for scholarships for training at AMBS and are happy to support AMBS and the greater Mennonite Church in this way.

Visual Arts Scholarship

For a full-time or part-time student preparing to use the visual arts in ministry.

This scholarship recognizes that visual arts are an important dimension of ministry and thus seeks to encourage persons who are gifted in this area.

Voran Family Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Willis and Laura Voran sold their farm in Moundridge, Kan., in 2001. This tract was part of the original homestead of Willis' parents, which inspired Willis and Laura to give the proceeds for Kingdom work.

Arthur and Anna Mae Voth Scholarship

For a student in a Peace Studies program or any student demonstrating need.

Arthur and Anna Mae Voth were members of Bethel Mennonite Church in Lancaster, Pa., and then Akron (Pa.) Mennonite Church for many years. He believed strongly in Mennonite institutions and Mennonite education and started funds in several churches.

J.C. Wenger Scholarship

For a student who is a member of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference.

The J.C. Wenger Scholarship Fund was begun from the estate of Clark and Mamie Wenger by their children: Paul, Dale, and Daryl. This fund recognizes the warm neighborly which went on over the years between Clark and Mamie and J.C. and Ruth as well as J.C.'s outstanding ministry of teaching, preaching, and writing in the Mennonite Church.

Wenger/Sauder Church Leadership Award

For a student demonstrating strong Christian commitment, practical leadership and relationship skills, theology in harmony with the church, emotional health, and good academic performance. Must meet all five criteria.

Born Aug. 6, 1904, Erie J. Sauder spent his entire life in the northwest Ohio Mennonite community of Archbold. In 1934, he started a small woodworking business that grew into Sauder Woodworking Company.

A man of deep faith and with a giving spirit, Erie involved himself in a variety of community and philanthropic projects. In 1976, he founded Sauder Farm and Craft Village in Archbold, an 80-acre nonprofit living history museum created to preserve the lifestyle of the pioneers who settled the Great Black Swamp area of northwest Ohio. Additionally, he was a founder of the Mennonite Economic Development Association (MEDA), through which Mennonite volunteers enabled Soviet and German World War II refugees to develop the wasteland of Chaco, Paraguay, into habitable and profitable land.

Despite having finished his schooling in the eighth grade, Erie was a strong advocate for higher education and served as a trustee

of Defiance (Ohio) College and an overseer of Goshen (Ind.) College. Shortly before his death in 1997, Erie created this scholarship fund at AMBS to encourage the development of church leaders and to honor J.C. Wenger's leadership within the Mennonite Church.

Willow Springs Memorial Scholarship

For a student preparing for Christian service and demonstrating financial need.

The congregation of Willow Springs Mennonite Church, Tiskilwa, Ill., established this fund in 1964.

Wilbur and Lorraine Wyse Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Wilbur Wyse was the president of Bil-Jax, a successful scaffold manufacturing company, from 1947 to 1987. He died of complications following a motor vehicle accident in September 1987 at age 69. Lorraine continues to be an active member at Central Mennonite Church in Archbold, Ohio.

Hobert D. and Lois Yoder Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Hobert grew up on a farm in Iowa. He and Lois met while they were both students at Goshen (Ind.) College. Lois was a nurse and Hobert was a school teacher; both are now retired. Hobert took several courses at AMBS. They are active members of First Mennonite Church of Iowa City (Iowa).

Howard C. and Ethel Yoder Scholarship

May be given to any student applying for financial aid.

Howard C. and Ethel Yoder desired that students be able to attend Mennonite schools at all levels, but especially at the post-secondary level.

Frequently asked questions

What is an endowed scholarship?

An endowed scholarship provides AMBS with a permanent asset from which students receive support. The gift becomes a fund managed by the Mennonite Foundation, whose investment objective is to achieve growth sufficient to preserve the value of the gift so the annual award is not diminished by inflation.

The minimum principal balance required to establish a new endowed scholarship is \$25,000. Initial contributions may be made in lesser amounts, with no awards made to students until the minimum of \$25,000 is reached. Subsequent additions may be contributed at any time in any amount.

How does it work?

Awards are made annually to deserving students according to the current financial aid policies of the seminary. While AMBS prefers that scholarships be unrestricted, donors may specify that the scholarship award be given with priority to students from a specific academic focus, church or geographic area. The donor may not, however, actually name the individual student to receive the award.

Donors receive information annually about the students who receive the award. Sometimes there is an opportunity to meet the students who will directly benefit from the donor's commitment.

Why give an endowed scholarship?

Many donors feel that AMBS has been a positive influence in their lives—either directly or through the ministry of graduates—and they desire to give others the opportunity of studying at AMBS by contributing financially to AMBS students.

Naming an endowed scholarship is an opportunity to express interest in AMBS or honor a loved one, friend, pastor, church or business. All students who receive a named scholarship know that others share a commitment to their ministry education.

What is the rationale for the endowed scholarship program?

As seminary education costs continue to climb, today's students need financial assistance. Our goal is to limit the amount of debt students have when they leave seminary. Many are still paying college loans, and ministry assignments do not usually pay large salaries. More than 90 percent of AMBS students receive some type of financial aid.

By giving to AMBS to establish an endowed scholarship, donors are investing in students who may be struggling to afford their preparation for ministry. AMBS seeks to graduate men and women whose academic preparation, spiritual maturity and broad Christian vision give them exceptional leadership potential to serve the world and church of Jesus Christ. AMBS fosters a commitment to service, intellectual and spiritual growth, and the integration of faith and learning. Without sufficient financial aid, an AMBS education will remain an unattainable goal for many worthy students.

How can someone give an endowed scholarship?

Individuals or organizations interested in establishing an endowed scholarship at AMBS should contact the Development Office:

Development Office
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
3003 Benham Ave
Elkhart, IN 46517
574-296-6247; 1-800-964-2627
development@ambs.edu

Endowed scholarships are established at \$25,000 and above. An endowed scholarship account may be opened with a lesser amount if the plan is to reach the minimum amount within a few years. Those who do not envision being able to give \$25,000 may make a gift to the seminary's undesignated scholarship fund. Memorial gifts are accepted for either kind of account.

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