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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.

■ **AMBS Full Tuition Scholarships** **Church Leadership Award**

A scholarship program intended to encourage and support outstanding Mennonite students with gifts for ministry as they prepare to serve the church. This award provides a full-tuition grant to a new student beginning a Master's program. The recipient may receive this grant for two or three years by meeting certain conditions. Awards are available based upon prior recipient's graduation.

Werner K. Fransen Next Generation Scholarship **Earl & Florence Schlegel Next Generation Scholarship**

The Next Generation Scholarships are intended to encourage and support outstanding Mennonite students with gifts in church leadership. This scholarship provides a full-tuition grant and a stipend for living expenses up to \$4,000 each year to a new student beginning the Master of Divinity program. The recipient may receive this scholarship for three years by meeting certain conditions. Awards are available based upon prior recipient's graduation.

Criteria for award recipients

Recipients will be Mennonites who are members in good standing of a congregation in Mennonite Church Canada, Mennonite Church USA or a related Mennonite group. The decision to award a grant will be based on four factors:

1. Previous academic performance, based on information gained from transcripts and references including a minimum GPA of 3.5.
2. Leadership potential and demonstrated skills, based on information gained from references.
3. Theological discernment, based on a five- to ten-page paper written on the subject of "The Church."
4. Personal character and emotional health, based on information gained from references.

Recipients will be new students who have not been previously enrolled in AMBS courses.

Procedures to apply for AMBS full-tuition scholarships

Applicants must submit the following by **February 1** for the upcoming academic year:

1. A completed application for admission with all supporting materials, including transcript(s) and references
2. A completed application for financial aid, including FAFSA submission (if U.S. citizen or permanent resident).
3. A five- to ten-page paper on the subject of "The Church"

In addition, candidates for the Next Generation Scholarship may be interviewed.

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Understandings for full tuition award recipients

1. Recipients will be enrolled as full-time students (full-time is defined as nine credit hours or more per semester plus one short-term course during Interterm or the summer).
2. Students in the M.Div. program are eligible to receive the award for three (3) years. Students in an M.A. program are eligible to receive the award for two (2) years.
Note: To finish a degree in the allotted timeframe a student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours per year, which generally consists of 12 hours per semester plus a short-term course during Interterm and another short-term course in the summer.
3. Eligibility from year to year will be based on satisfactory progress toward the completion of the degree, including:
 - Maintaining a 3.0 GPA
 - Continuing as a full-time student
 - Supporting and adhering to AMBS community life standards
 - Assuming leadership responsibilities on the AMBS campus
 - Recipients of the Next Generation Scholarship are required to live in AMBS campus housing in order to receive the living stipend of \$4,000/year.
4. Recipients will not be eligible for need-based AMBS grants, including AMBS matching grants, in addition to the full-tuition award.

■ special scholarships

Special scholarships may be awarded each year to students who met eligibility requirements for and applied to receive either a Church Leadership Award or a Next Generation Scholarship but were not selected by the scholarship committee as a recipient of either. This award provides a grant of 60% of tuition to a beginning student in a master's program. The recipient may receive this grant for two or three years by meeting certain conditions.

Criteria for special scholarships

Recipient will have met eligibility requirements for and applied to receive either a Church Leadership Award or Next Generation Scholarship but was not selected by the scholarship committee as a recipient of either award.

Understandings for special scholarship recipients

1. Recipients will be enrolled as full-time students (full-time is defined as nine credit hours or more per semester plus one short-term course during Interterm or the summer).
2. Students in the M.Div. program are eligible to receive the award for three (3) years. Students in an M.A. program are eligible to receive the award for two (2) years. *Note: To finish a degree in the allotted timeframe a student must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours per year, which generally consists of 12 hours per semester plus a short-term course during Interterm and another short-term course in the summer.*
3. Eligibility from year to year will be based on satisfactory progress toward the completion of the degree, including:
 - Maintaining a 3.0 GPA
 - Continuing as a full-time student
 - Supporting and adhering to AMBS community life standards
4. Recipients will not be eligible to receive additional AMBS grants in addition to the special scholarship award, including AMBS matching grants.

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■ other scholarships

The Steiner Bivocational Scholarship

This scholarship assists persons annually who are training for bivocational ministry or who are pastors coming from a situation where they combine their congregational ministry with other employment. Up to full tuition may be covered for one student, or smaller grants may go to more than one student, depending on eligibility and demand. Full- or part-time students are welcome to apply.

Mission–Evangelism Scholarships

Mission-Evangelism scholarships are available annually to international students who are sent to AMBS by their home churches with a commitment to return to their home countries and who have additional church agency support. AMBS will give priority to students identified by the AMBS Mission Studies Center in dialogue with Mennonite Church mission and service agencies and partners. Up to three scholarships of up to \$5,000 (in addition to need-based AMBS grants) are available each year.

Multicultural Scholarships

Multicultural scholarships are available annually for students (of any race) preparing to minister in a racial/ethnic context and who will contribute to the multicultural ethos of the church. AMBS will give priority to students identified by the AMBS Mission Studies Center in dialogue with Mennonite Church mission and service agencies and partners. Scholarships of varying amounts are given in addition to need-based AMBS grants each year.

The MCEC/AMBS Study Fund

This fund is used to assist a pastor/student from the Mennonite Conference of Eastern Canada who needs approximately one year of residency to complete a degree at AMBS. Amounts vary from year to year, and priority will be given to pastors/students entering into their last year of study..

■ additional information

For more information, contact the AMBS Financial Aid Office:

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The AMBS Web site includes information about how to apply for financial aid, an estimated expense worksheet and the Financial Aid Application. Go to www.ams.edu. Select Student Services on the home page, then Financial Aid.