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# **admission application packet U.S.**



# admissions application

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### deadlines

- Aug. 1** for enrolling fall semester
- Dec. 1** for enrolling spring semester
- May 1** for applying for financial aid to receive the maximum for which you qualify

Full legal name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle (Maiden) Last

Preferred name \_\_\_\_\_

Current address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Box number or Rural Route City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  daytime  evening  cellular

Date after which this address is no longer valid \_\_\_\_\_

Address after that date \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Box number or Rural Route City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  daytime  evening  cellular

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship:  U.S. citizen  permanent U.S. resident: citizen of \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ month day year Gender:  female  male

## personal data

You are invited to complete the items below about place of birth and ethnic background on a voluntary basis; they are being asked so that statistical information for the Association of Theological Schools of North America may be compiled. This information will not be used as criteria for admission. AMBS will make decisions regarding admission to study at AMBS without discrimination on the basis of age, race, religion, physical disability, national or ethnic origin, gender, and sexual orientation.

Birthplace (city and state) \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic background (answer only if you are a United States citizen) (please check all that apply):

- Nonresident alien
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Hispanic/Latino
- Black or African American
- White
- Asian
- Race and ethnicity unknown

Marital status:  Single  Married: Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Children

Name Birthdate (m/d/y) Male/Female Accompanying you (yes/no)

| Name | Birthdate (m/d/y) | Male/Female | Accompanying you (yes/no) |
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## ■ religious affiliation

Denomination \_\_\_\_\_

District/Conference (for Mennonite applicants only) \_\_\_\_\_

Home congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation attending (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Licensed \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_ Ordained \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## ■ personal statement of faith

If you need more space, please attach another sheet of paper.

1. Tell us how you became a Christian.

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2. Describe your desire to serve others.

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3. List some of the formative influences in your life, e.g. education, employment, people.

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4. Describe how your participation in the church has contributed to your religious development.

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## ■ academic objectives

Select the program and concentration for which you are applying. (If undecided, please choose one of the programs. During the first year, formation groups help students discern which program best fits their call and gifts.)

### **Master of Divinity:**

- Primary program    Pastoral Care and Counseling    Mission and Evangelism  
 Theological Studies    Youth Ministry

### **Master of Arts in Christian Formation:**

- Christian Spirituality    Teaching Ministry    Worship

### **Master of Arts: Peace Studies:**

- Primary program    Conflict Transformation    International Development Administration  
 Urban Community Development

### **Master of Arts: Theological Studies:**

- Biblical Studies    Church History    Theology and Ethics  
 **Master of Divinity** combined with the **Master of Social Work** at Andrews University  
 **Master of Arts: Peace Studies** combined with the **Master of Social Work** at Andrews University

### **Certificate** (one year) (choose one):

- Theological Studies    Ethics for Business Professionals    Teaching Ministry of the Church (Christian Ed)  
 Christian Spiritual Formation    Pastoral Theology for Financial Professionals    Theology and Ethics  
 Worship Leadership

When do you plan to begin studies?

- Year: 20\_\_\_\_\_ Term:  Fall    Interterm    Spring    Summer  
Hours:  Full-time (9–15 hrs)    Half-time (6–8 hrs)    Part-time (fewer than 6 hrs)

## ■ academic background

List colleges, universities, and seminaries attended. If you need more space, please attach another sheet of paper.

| Institution | Location<br>(city, state, country) | Month and year<br>(from) (to) | Degree |
|-------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
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Biblical languages already taken (give course title, location, credit hours, and year taken):

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## ■ work experience

What experiences do you currently have or have you had in Christian education, preaching, choral work, youth work (summer youth camps, etc.), or social work? List names of churches, agencies, and time spent in each place.

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## ■ references

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Pastoral reference \_\_\_\_\_

Academic reference \_\_\_\_\_

Layperson reference \_\_\_\_\_

## ■ housing

I plan to live in campus housing. Date by when I would need housing: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete a housing application and submit a deposit: [www.ambs.edu/forms](http://www.ambs.edu/forms)

I will arrange my own housing.

## ■ emergency contact

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Box number or Rural Route City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  daytime  evening  cellular

## ■ health insurance

All students registered for a minimum of six credit hours on the Elkhart campus are required to enroll in the accident and health insurance plan offered by United Healthcare Student Resources, unless they show proof of coverage with another provider and complete a waiver. More information will be provided with admissions and enrollment materials.

## ■ community lifestyle commitment

AMBS asks all students to make a commitment to participate in the seminary community as follows:

Admission to AMBS assumes a commitment on the part of every student to join and participate in a community devoted to theological education and preparation for ministry, worship, study, and the life of Christian faith.

This community is part of and accountable to the church of Jesus Christ, the Anabaptist-Mennonite tradition, and the seminary's sponsoring churches. It is understood that all members of the seminary community will respect the conviction, values, and commitments of the tradition and the churches that it serves.

I have read the community lifestyle commitment in the paragraph above and understand the mission and values of AMBS ([www.ambs.edu/about/mission-values](http://www.ambs.edu/about/mission-values)). My filing of this application indicates my willingness to cooperate with the standards and purpose of the seminary. I accept the community lifestyle expectations above as my own while I am a student at AMBS. I agree to withdraw my enrollment should I find myself unable to support them.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ■ transcripts

Request that each academic institution you have attended send one official transcript to:

Admissions, AMBS, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517





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# reference request pastoral

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## ■ to be filled in by the applicant

Letter of reference on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_,   
 First Middle Last

who is applying for admission to Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Name of person writing recommendation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street, Box number or Rural Route City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Length of acquaintance \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver:** In accordance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, and the implementing regulations issued by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, I waive my right to review this letter of reference. (See statement on confidentiality below.)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Confidentiality:** Federal law gives students the option of waiving their rights to see specific letters of recommendation. If the applicant has waived this right by signing the waiver above, this letter will be held confidential and will not be intentionally disclosed to the applicant. If the applicant has not signed the waiver, it will be assumed that this letter may be seen by the applicant if she/he enrolls in this seminary. Signing of the waiver is not a condition for admission. Any student who is accepted by and who enrolls in Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary has the right to request the names of all individuals providing confidential statements.

## ■ instructions to the person writing the recommendation

The person named above is applying for study at AMBS. People accepted into study at AMBS must give evidence of their sense of call to ministry or desire to serve the church and must have the support of the congregation or several people who know them well. Please respond to the following questions on the reverse side indicating whether or not you support this person's intention to pursue ministry or a vocation that serves God and the church.

(over, please)





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## ■ to be filled in by the person writing the recommendation

| Characteristics           | Excellent | High | Average | Low | Please comment (use additional paper if needed) |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|---------|-----|---|
| Christian commitment      |           |      |         |     |   |
| Emotional stability       |           |      |         |     |   |
| Maturity in judgment      |           |      |         |     |   |
| Integrity                 |           |      |         |     |   |
| Relationships with others |           |      |         |     |   |
| Leadership qualities      |           |      |         |     |   |
| Academic ability          |           |      |         |     |   |
| Ability to make decisions |           |      |         |     |   |
| Dependability             |           |      |         |     |   |
| Initiative                |           |      |         |     |   |
| Tolerance of others       |           |      |         |     |   |
| Adaptability              |           |      |         |     |   |

State below whether or not you support this person's intention to pursue a vocation in the church and the reasons for your statement.

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What would you consider to be areas of growth for the applicant?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please send the completed form in the enclosed self-addressed envelope to AMBS. Thank you for a prompt response.



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# reference request layperson

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# housing application

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## personal data

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First Middle (Maiden) Last

Current address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, Box number or Rural Route City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  daytime  evening  cellular

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ month day year Gender:  female  male

Housing needed by \_\_\_\_\_ month day year Length of stay expected \_\_\_\_\_

Marital status:  married  single Spouse's name \_\_\_\_\_

Is spouse coming with you?  yes  no

Names of children coming with you Date of birth (m/d/y) Gender (f/m)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## housing preference

Seminary student apartments are furnished, which includes stove, refrigerator, beds, dressers, lamps, dining table and chairs, sofa, easy chair, desk and bookshelves. Laundry facilities are available in each apartment building. Certain apartments can be unfurnished to meet specific requests. There is a \$100 fee to unfurnish an apartment.

Mark your first, second and third choices.

### Single student options

- \_\_\_ Studio efficiency apartment (furnished)
- \_\_\_ One-bedroom apartment (furnished)
- \_\_\_ Shared apartment: two persons of same gender (furnished)
- \_\_\_ \*Group household: three persons (furnished) (see note on reverse side)

### Married couple options

- \_\_\_ One-bedroom apartment (furnished)
- \_\_\_ Two-bedroom apartment (furnished)
- \_\_\_ Two-bedroom apartment (unfurnished, first floor only)

### Family options

- \_\_\_ Two-bedroom apartment (furnished)
- \_\_\_ Two-bedroom apartment (unfurnished, first floor only)
- \_\_\_ Three-bedroom apartment (furnished)
- \_\_\_ Three-bedroom apartment (unfurnished)
- \_\_\_ Five-bedroom apartment (furnished)
- \_\_\_ Five-bedroom apartment (unfurnished)

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Comments/special needs: (i.e. handicap accessible, allergies, ground floor apartment, bunk or queen-size beds, etc.)

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### \*Group household

When three or more students share living space, certain understandings help facilitate communication and healthy relationships. Households will:

1. meet bi-monthly to discuss household and/or relationship issues;
2. decide together how to cover shared expenses;
3. decide together how to cover cleaning and upkeep of the apartment, and how each person will be responsible for his/her own tasks;
4. make an effort to communicate directly when there are disagreements or concerns.

Most people desiring group housing are hoping for a greater level of community than they would experience living alone. Those who are interested in shared living space primarily for the financial savings, but are not interested in relating intentionally to others, should choose an option other than group housing.

AMBS reserves the right to make housing changes if unresolved, unhealthy dynamics between housemates deem it necessary.

## ■ housing policy

Housing policy prohibits **pets, smoking, and firearms** in seminary housing units or on the seminary grounds. AMBS does not offer shared housing space to same-sex couples or to unmarried heterosexual couples in romantically intimate relationships.

## ■ housing assignment

All efforts will be made to assign housing that best meets the request depending on the vacancies that are available. Applicants will be informed of available housing one month prior to the date requested.

## ■ housing deposit

This housing application becomes official when a deposit of **\$100** for a single or **\$200** for a couple or family is made (US funds, please).

One-half of the deposit is refundable if written cancellation is received by the Director of Student Housing one month before the date for which the reservation is requested. When a housing assignment is made, this deposit becomes a breakage/damage deposit per room or apartment.

At your earliest convenience, please make your housing deposit payable to AMBS (US funds) and mail with this application to:

Director of Student Housing  
AMBS  
3003 Benham Ave  
Elkhart IN 46517

## ■ signature

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Signature

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Date

### office use

Date application received \_\_\_\_\_

Date deposit received \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (US funds)

Housing application  
update: 05/07/2009



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800 964-2627 or 574 296-6266  
jwalker@ambs.edu

# financial aid

## checklist, information, instructions

*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.*

### ■ eligibility

All **admitted** students are eligible to apply for AMBS financial aid. Aid is distributed according to demonstrated financial need, with higher amounts of aid given to students with greater need. Students taking fewer than nine hours per semester receive half the amount of financial aid they would if they were full-time students. All full-time students qualify for grants of up to 25 percent of tuition. Mennonite students and international students taking at least nine hours per semester are eligible for AMBS grants of up to 50 percent of tuition.

### ■ deadlines

**Feb. 1** .....for Next Generation and Church Leadership Award applications

**April 30**.....for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) (U.S. students)

**May 1** .....for applying to receive the maximum financial aid for which you qualify

**Please note:** Applications received after the May 1 deadline will be processed in light of remaining funds, and students run the risk of NOT RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID if applications are submitted late. People who are planning to enroll midyear are strongly encouraged to submit the application by the May 1 deadline.

### ■ before submitting your financial aid application

- Submit your application for admission with all supporting documents.
- U.S. students: Prepare your tax forms to assist you in completing the FAFSA.

### ■ to apply for financial aid

- New students:** You must already have submitted your application for admission with supporting documentation and received notification that you have been admitted before you are eligible to apply for financial aid.
- U.S. students: complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online by **April 30**.
  - FAFSA web site:** [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
  - Federal School Code:** 001823
  - School name:** Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
  - School address:** 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517
- Go to [www.ambs.edu/student-resources/financial-aid/apply-online](http://www.ambs.edu/student-resources/financial-aid/apply-online) and complete the **Financial Aid and Scholarship Application** at by the deadline (see above). **Incomplete applications will not be processed.**
- Submit completed **Church Partnership Form(s)** if you will receive financial assistance from a congregation and/or conference. Be sure you have obtained the appropriate church official's signature and included the amount on the financial aid application.

## ■ u.s. federal student loans

AMBS encourages students to explore all other sources of funding before applying for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan. Sources include AMBS grants, earnings, savings, gifts and loans from church and family. If need remains, a Federal Stafford Loan may help to close the gap. However, we encourage students to borrow as little as possible to reduce debt load following graduation. Instructions for applying electronically for a Federal Direct Stafford Loan will be sent to you with your award letter.

## ■ canada student loans

Canada Student Loans, funded by the government of Canada and administered with participating provinces, are available to Canadian citizens enrolled in full-time study. Repayment is deferred while full-time status is maintained. Canadian students may contact their local banks for information. AMBS is registered with the provincial administrative offices for enrollment of students with Canada Student Loans.

## ■ student responsibilities

- Students must apply for aid each year by the financial aid application deadline (May 1). Students applying for either a Church Leadership or Next Generation Award must submit the financial aid application by **February 1**.
- Students must maintain a satisfactory academic standing: minimum GPA of 2.5 for general financial aid and 3.0 for special scholarships.
- When asked to do so, students are expected to write notes or letters of appreciation to the donors who help to make financial aid possible. AMBS financial aid comes from a variety of sources, including gifts from churches and individual donors. Acknowledging their generosity helps ensure good relations with our supporters and builds good will toward the seminary.

## ■ questions?

Please refer to the AMBS Financial Aid Handbook for further information and policies.

Please direct questions to:     AMBS Financial Aid  
  3003 Benham Avenue  
  Elkhart, IN 46517  
  Phone: 574 296-6266 or 800 964-2627  
  E-mail: [jwalker@ambs.edu](mailto:jwalker@ambs.edu)



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**I am a:**

- Canadian student
- International student
- US student

**I am enrolling for the \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ academic year.**

**I plan to take classes at the:**

- Elkhart (IN) campus
- AMBS--Great Plains (KS) extension site

## personal information

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_  
(this is where your award letter will be sent) Street address City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Marital status:**  single  married

**Date of birth** \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

**Denomination** \_\_\_\_\_ **Conference (if Mennonite)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Congregation/church:** \_\_\_\_\_

## academic information

- Degree program:**
- Master of Divinity
  - Master of Arts
  - Certificate
  - Dual Degree with Andrews University

Will you be taking classes at Andrews University his academic year?  Yes  No

If yes, how many credits do you plan to enroll in for each semester? \_\_\_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Spring

**Date you plan to complete your program of study (month/year):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

**Number of credit hours expected to enroll at AMBS for each semester:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Fall \_\_\_\_\_ Interterm \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \_\_\_\_\_ Summer \_\_\_\_\_ Total number of credit hrs for year

## housing information (Elkhart campus students only)

For more housing information or to complete the housing application, please visit our Web site at [www.ambs.edu/student-resources/housing](http://www.ambs.edu/student-resources/housing)

**Where do you plan to live while you are a student at AMBS?**  on campus  off-campus

**Do you already live on campus or have you already received a housing assignment?**  Yes  No

If yes, please enter your apartment number or address and monthly AMBS rent: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /month

If no, please indicate your housing preference (see attached housing sheet). THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR CAMPUS HOUSING. \_\_\_\_\_

# financial aid application

## ■ financial information

Please list the sources and amounts of any scholarships, grants or contributions you expect to receive for each semester. Do NOT include student loans or AMBS scholarships or grants.

| Source  | Fall       | Spring     |
|---|------------|------------|
| 1.  |            |            |
| 2.  |            |            |
| 3.  |            |            |
| 4.  |            |            |
| 5.  |            |            |
| <b>TOTAL SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS</b> | <b>(A)</b> | <b>(B)</b> |

The items below are considered allowable costs for a Cost of Attendance calculation according to the Federal Student Aid handbook. To see a list of expenses based on a frugal nine-month budget, please contact the financial aid office at [admissions@ambs.edu](mailto:admissions@ambs.edu).

|   | (a.) Your monthly budgeted expense | (b.) Multiplier<br>1 semester = 4.5   2 semesters = 9<br>2 semesters + summer = 10 | Total<br>(a.) x (b.) |
|---|------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 1. Housing (rent/mortgage + utilities)  |                                    |  | 1.                   |
| 2. Food and household supplies  |                                    |  | 2.                   |
| 3. Personal (clothing, laundry, recreation, telephone)  |                                    |  | 3.                   |
| 4. Transportation   |                                    |  | 4.                   |
| 5. Medical, dental, and health insurance  |                                    |  | 5.                   |
| 6. Tuition  | # credit hours ____                | x \$440  | 6.                   |
| 7. Student services fee   | # credit hours ____                | x \$18   | 7.                   |
| 8. Estimated cost of books/supplies   | # credit hours ____                | x \$50   | 8.                   |
| Please enter amounts for any applicable categories below (or a zero if the category does not apply).<br>Additional documentation may be required to support these expenditures. |                                    |  |                      |
| 9. One-time computer purchase   |                                    |  | 9.                   |
| 10. Child care (to be included, child care must be necessary for you to be a student)   |                                    |  | 10.                  |
| 11. Expenses related to a disability  |                                    |  | 11.                  |
| <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>   |                                    |  | <b>(C)</b>           |

## ■ financial need calculator

|   |                 |            |
|---|-----------------|------------|
| <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED EXPENSES (BOX C)</b> | <b>(C)</b>      |            |
| <b>TOTAL FALL RESOURCES (BOX A)</b>     | <b>subtract</b> | <b>(A)</b> |
| <b>TOTAL SPRING RESOURCES (BOX B)</b>   | <b>subtract</b> | <b>(B)</b> |
| <b>TOTAL REMAINING NEED</b>             | <b>\$</b>       |            |

# financial aid application

## ■ additional information

**Do you or one of your dependents have unusually high medical costs each year?**  Yes  No

If yes, please state an approximate amount of unreimbursed medical expenses for you or your dependent(s) last year. Describe below the reason related to the expenses. If needed, you may be required to provide documentation of expenses.

**In the last year did you experience unusual elementary/secondary school, child/dependent care costs, debts, or a reduction in income?**  Yes  No

If yes, please explain below.

**Do you anticipate any of the above expenses this year?**  Yes  No

**US STUDENTS: Please enter the date you completed the FAFSA (or intend to complete it):** \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Date/Year

**If you qualify, do you anticipate requesting a Federal Stafford or Canada Student Loan this academic year?**  
 Yes  No  Not applicable

## ■ understanding and affirmation

**By signing below I affirm that the information provided on this financial aid application and this academic year's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is/are correct. I understand that the AMBS financial aid office reserves the right to request verification of any information I have provided here or on my FAFSA. I agree to advise the financial aid office of any significant changes in this statement of my financial circumstances, including additional financial assistance. I understand that misrepresentation or omission of facts shall be considered sufficient cause for revocation of a grant or scholarship.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# financial aid application

## ■ cost of attendance/budget guidelines

| Estimated expenses for full-time student (based on 27 credit hours) | Living on campus | Living off campus |
|---|------------------|-------------------|
| Tuition & fees  | \$ 12,231        | \$ 12,231         |
| Books/supplies  | \$ 1,350         | \$ 1,350          |
| Rent/utilities  | \$ 5,400         | \$ 7,737          |
| Food/household  | \$ 3,890         | \$ 3,890          |
| Personal  | \$ 2,675         | \$ 2,675          |
| Transportation  | \$ 2,575         | \$ 2,575          |
| Health Insurance (AMBS)   | \$ 761           | \$ 761            |
| Medical/dental (not covered by insurance)                           | \$ 1,220         | \$ 1,220          |
| <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>                           | <b>\$30,102</b>  | <b>\$32,439</b>   |

## ■ housing rates

| Housing                                      |                  | Monthly rate |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| 1 bedroom apartment                          | Couple/family    | \$ 610       |
|  | 1 person         | \$475        |
| 2 bedroom apartment (utilities not included) | Couple/family    | \$ 590       |
|  | Per roommate (2) | \$ 300       |
| 3 bedroom apartment                          | Family           | \$870        |
|  | Per roommate (3) | \$310        |
| Studio apartment                             | Single           | \$425        |
| 3 bedroom house                              | Family           | \$925        |
|  | Per roommate (3) | \$320        |
| Dyck guesthouse - basement apartment         | Couple           | \$540        |
| Fery Guesthouse apartment                    | Single           | \$270        |



# church partnership form

## 2011-2012

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3003 Benham Avenue  
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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.*

### ■ eligibility

**Full-time, admitted students** may receive dollar-for-dollar matching grants of up to \$1,500 per regular semester (fall and spring), or \$3,000 per year, and a 25% match on contributions beyond \$1,500 per semester. Matching funds are not granted for courses taken during Interterm or summer sessions. **Matching grant funds are a part of the student's AMBS financial aid package and may be capped when AMBS grant totals meet the maximum amount that the student is qualified to receive.**

**Part-time, admitted students** may receive a 25% matching grant to a maximum of \$125 per semester, fall and spring.

**One-course, non-admitted students** are not eligible to receive AMBS matching grants.

### ■ instructions

1. A church partnership form must be completed, including the appropriate church official's signature, and submitted to the financial aid office. Incomplete forms will not be processed.
2. Church partnership forms must be submitted by the May 1 financial aid deadline with the student's financial aid application.
3. Church contributions (checks/money orders) should be payable to AMBS with the student's name included in the "memo" portion or check stub.
4. Matching funds will not be applied to the student's account until funds are received from the church or conference.
5. Students must pay their balance in full by the first day of classes, so it is preferable that church contributions are also received by this time. However, if a church partnership form has been received for a student, he/she will not be assessed a late fee for the expected funds and respective matching grants until **October 1** (for fall semester contributions) and **March 1** (spring semester contributions). If committed funds are not received by the respective dates, the student will be assessed a late fee of \$25 and held responsible for paying their outstanding balance. **Church/conference contributions received after a semester has ended will not be matched.**

Please fill out the form on page 2 and return it to the above address.

# church partnership form | 2011–2012

## ■ student information

Student name \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## ■ congregation/conference information

Name of congregation or conference \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, box number or rural route City State/Province Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of church official

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## ■ contribution information

Please indicate how you wish to allocate your contribution: Fall \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Spring \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# scholarship application

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**AMBS offers several scholarship opportunities to students. To apply, complete the information below and attach any required essays or letters. Even if you do not qualify for any of the scholarships listed below, your submission of this form may aid in matching your ministry experience with future scholarship opportunities as they become available.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last

**Home/attending congregation:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

**District/conference (Mennonite students only):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program of study:**  MDiv  MACF  MAPS  MATS Concentration \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate the scholarship(s) for which you are applying:**

**AMBS Next Generation Award (February 1 application deadline)**

For newly admitted full-time Mennonite students pursuing an M.Div degree, student must submit a 5-10 page essay on "The Church" and be admitted by the February 1 deadline for the upcoming academic year (in addition to completing the financial aid application).

**AMBS Church Leadership Award (February 1 application deadline)**

For newly admitted full-time Mennonite students pursuing an M.Div or an M.A. degree, student must submit a 5-10 page essay on "The Church" and be admitted by the February 1 deadline for the upcoming academic year (in addition to completing the financial aid application).

**Steiner Bi-vocational Scholarship (May 1 application deadline)**

Open to students of any Anabaptist denomination, students must submit an essay of at least one paragraph describing plans for ministry and qualification for the scholarship. Full or part-time students may apply by the May 1 deadline.

**Multicultural Scholarship (May 1 application deadline)**

Open to full-time students of any Anabaptist denomination, students must submit a one-page essay describing plans for ministry and qualification for the scholarship by the May 1 deadline.

**International Student Scholarship (May 1 application deadline)**

Full-time international students (other than North Americans) with substantial financial support from their church may apply by the May 1 application deadline.

**AMBS/MCEC Study Fund (May 1 application deadline)**

Pastors from the Mennonite Church Eastern Canada are welcome to apply by the May 1 application deadline. Priority will be given to students who are entering their last year of study.

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly describe your past/current experiences as well as your future plans for ministry below.**



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# special scholarships

## fact sheet

*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](http://www.ams.edu). Select Student Services on the home page, then Financial Aid.