



ADMISSIONS

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Anabaptist 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.

In order to make theological/ministerial education accessible for more leaders and emerging leaders in the Mennonite/Anabaptist tradition, a separate scholarship award process has been established for international students (those who are not from the U.S. or Canada). International students will be considered alongside their international peers in determining award recipients.

Merit-based scholarships

Students who receive merit-based scholarships of more than 50 percent off of tuition are not eligible to receive need-based financial aid from AMBS. They may still complete a Church Partnership Form to receive contributions from congregations, but the contributions will not be matched by AMBS.

International Student Scholarship (on campus)

The International Student Scholarship is intended to encourage and support outstanding international students with gifts for ministry as they prepare to serve the global church. The scholarship, which can be up to full tuition, is awarded on an annual basis to an international student (non-U.S. or non-Canadian) who is a member of a Mennonite World Conference congregation or a related Anabaptist group and who will study full time on the AMBS campus in Elkhart, Indiana.

Funding for the International Student Scholarship comes in part from the Virgil and Louise Claassen Endowment for International Students, the Ester Hodel Scholarship, the Ella Mae Lehman Memorial Scholarship for International Women and the Louis L. Miller Scholarship. Scholarships providing grants of up to 75 percent of tuition will be awarded to other international students meeting the award criteria as funds are available.

Guidelines

- The award will be given to a student beginning his or her first year of study at AMBS in a master's program, providing a full-tuition grant for up to three years for a Master of Divinity degree and up to two and a half years for a Master of Arts degree.
- Application deadline: **March 1**.

Criteria for award recipients

1. Recipients will be from outside of the U.S. or Canada and be members in good standing of a congregation affiliated with Mennonite World Conference or a related Anabaptist group.
2. The decision to grant an award will be based on four factors:
 - Previous academic performance, including a minimum GPA of at least 2.75 from all undergraduate work, based on information gained from transcripts and references.
 - A commitment to enter into active ministry in his or her homeland following graduation.
 - Strong leadership potential for serving the local church, based on information gained from references and from a required essay on the applicant's past, present and future service/ministry.
 - Personal character and emotional health, based on information gained from references.

Procedure to apply

By the deadline, applicants must submit:

1. A completed Admissions Application (see link on p. 3) with all supporting materials, including transcript(s), references, an admission essay, and documentation of certification of funds.

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2. A completed Scholarship Application (see link on p. 3).
3. An essay of 1,200 to 1,800 words that focuses on:
 - their leadership potential for serving the local church
 - their past, present and future service/ministry
 - how an education at AMBS will enrich their present and future ministry

Please note: Since the scholarship selection process is competitive and limited scholarship funds are available, a strong essay that clearly addresses the above areas — with attention to grammar and spelling — is important.

Understandings

1. The award recipient will be enrolled as a full-time student (nine hours or more per semester plus one Intensive Term course).
2. Students in the MDiv program are eligible for an award for three consecutive years. Students in an MA program are eligible for an award for two and a half consecutive years. No extensions of an award are possible.
3. Eligibility from year to year will be based on satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree, including:
 - maintaining a minimum 2.75 GPA
 - continuing as a full-time student
 - supporting and adhering to AMBS community life standards
 - supporting and participating in enrollment and recruitment activities and initiatives
 - actively participating in campus activities
 - assuming leadership responsibilities on the AMBS campus
4. Recipients will not be eligible for AMBS need-based financial aid, including AMBS matching grants, in addition to an award of 51 percent or greater.

Global Anabaptist Scholarship (fully online)

In order to make theological education accessible for more leaders and emerging leaders in the Mennonite/Anabaptist tradition, AMBS partners with global Anabaptist church bodies outside of the U.S. and Canada to offer fully online graduate education. This merit-based scholarship is for students pursuing the fully online Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism or the fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.

Financial aid for international students who take only online classes will be administered in the same manner as it is administered for U.S. and Canadian students. Financial aid policies and procedures are the same for students studying on campus or exclusively online.

Guidelines

1. Students must be from outside of the U.S. or Canada, be enrolled in the Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism or the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies, and take all of their courses online.
2. Students must be enrolled in at least two courses per academic year if enrolled in the Graduate Certificate, or at least four courses per academic year if enrolled in the MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism. This will allow students to complete either the 27-credit-hour Graduate Certificate or the 46-credit-hour MA: Theology and Global Anabaptism within a four-year period.
3. In addition to need-based financial aid of up to 50 percent off of tuition, students are also eligible to receive additional aid depending on their home country.
4. Once awarded, this scholarship is renewable for three consecutive academic years, for a total of four years of student eligibility. If students fail to complete the required number of courses in any academic year, or if their GPA falls below 2.75, they will forfeit the scholarship.
5. Scholarship funds are limited and will be awarded to new students based on the amount of funding available during any academic year.
6. Application deadline: **March 1**.

Criteria for award recipients

1. Recipients will be from outside of the U.S. and Canada and be members in good standing of a church body affiliated with Mennonite World Conference or a related Anabaptist group.
2. The decision to grant an award will be based on three factors:
 - Previous academic performance, including a GPA of at least 2.75 from all undergraduate work, based on information gained from transcripts and references.
 - Strong leadership potential for serving the church, based on information gained from references and from a required essay on the applicant's past, present and future service/ministry.
 - Personal character and emotional health, based on information gained from references.

Procedure to apply

By the deadline, applicants must submit:

1. A completed Admissions Application (see link below) with all supporting materials, including transcript(s), references and an admission essay.
2. Completed Financial Aid and Scholarship applications (see links below).
3. An essay of 1,200 to 1,800 words that focuses on:
 - their leadership potential for serving the church
 - their past, present and future service/ministry
 - how an education at AMBS will enrich their ministry

Please note: Since the scholarship selection process is competitive and limited scholarship funds are available, a strong essay that clearly addresses the above areas — with attention to grammar and spelling — is important.

Ministry scholarships

*For the following scholarships, scholarships of varying amounts are given in addition to need-based AMBS financial aid each year. Full- or part-time students are eligible to apply. These scholarships can be renewed annually; past recipients will need to submit an updated essay for each scholarship each time they reapply. Application deadline: **April 1**.*

Lederach Preaching Scholarship

The Lederach Preaching Scholarship is available annually for a student who is part of a congregation affiliated with Mennonite World Conference; senses a call to pastoral leadership; and shows promise in preaching. Applicants must complete the online Scholarship Application and submit an essay of 350 to 500 words describing their sense of call to pastoral ministry and to preaching.

Steiner Bivocational Scholarship

The Steiner Bivocational Scholarship assists people who are training for bivocational ministry or pastors who are combining congregational ministry with other employment. Applicants must complete the online Scholarship Application and submit an essay of 350 to 500 words describing their plans for — or current engagement in — bivocational ministry.

Other links

Admissions Application: ams.edu/admissions/apply

Financial Aid Application: ams.edu/admissions/apply-financial-aid

Church matching grants (Church Partnership Form): ams.edu/admissions/matching-grants

Scholarship Application and requirements: ams.edu/scholarships

External scholarships: ams.edu/admissions/external-scholarships

Tips for applying for scholarships: ams.edu/admissions/tips-for-scholarship-applications

Questions?

Contact AMBS Financial Aid: 800.964.2627 ext. 227 or 574.296.6227 or financialaid@ams.edu