



CHURCH MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP
Academic Year 2024-2025

The form is required by August 19 for Fall & Spring recipients: and January 6 for Spring only recipients.

Dear Pastor,

Missouri Baptist University offers a scholarship opportunity for college-bound students in your church. This scholarship is called a “Church Matching” scholarship. This scholarship is for undergraduate students enrolled full-time (12 or more hours) in Fall and/or Spring semesters solely at their home campus as designated below. Students must be enrolled in at least 12 hours each semester at the one designated campus. This scholarship does not apply to summer coursework.

When a student receives aid from a church through a scholarship fund, Missouri Baptist University will respond by matching the amount designated, as follows:

- Main Campus (St. Louis County / Creve Coeur):
 - Up to \$500 per semester / \$1000 per academic year.
- All other campuses, including online students:
 - Up to \$250 per semester / \$500 per academic year.

A college fund must be in place in the budget of the church. A current-year Church Matching contract must be on file in the office of Student Financial Services.

Included with this letter is a church contract to be filled out by the church yearly and sent to Student Financial Services of Missouri Baptist University. Also included is a copy of the “Student Agreement” form to be sent along with the funds designated by your church toward the tuition of each student (if amounts vary, please indicate which student is to receive which amount). This form and any approved funds are also to be sent to Student Financial Services of Missouri Baptist University. If there are any questions, please call Student Financial Services at Missouri Baptist University at (314) 392-2366.

Sincerely,

Student Financial Services
Missouri Baptist University

GENERAL AGREEMENT – CHURCH MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THIS AGREEMENT made this _____ day of _____, 20_____, between MISSOURI BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, St. Louis, Missouri, hereinafter “MBU”, and

(Name of Church)

of _____, hereinafter “Church”.
(City, State, Zip)

WHEREAS, Church may hereinafter desire to provide scholarships to people in order to encourage their attendance at MBU;

WHEREAS, MBU, in order to encourage the student’s attendance and to accommodate the wishes of the Church, has agreed to provide matching scholarship funds under the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth.

NOW THEREFORE the parties agree as follows:

1. Church may, at times specified by MBU, offer to MBU to provide a person or persons designated by the church a scholarship for the purpose of defraying expenses while attending MBU. Such scholarship should not exceed the specified sum for any one person that MBU has set for the applicable academic year as the limit of its participation. Notice of said limit will be made to the Church in early June prior to the Fall semester of the academic year. Every such offer by the Church shall be submitted to MBU in the form of the Student Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit A.
2. Subject to the conditions hereinafter specified, MBU agrees to match the scholarship offered by the Church on a dollar-for-dollar basis but in no event to exceed the given sum specified for the academic year. Where, however the Church shall specify a Fall or Spring semester only, MBU shall match for the designated semester a sum not to exceed one-half of the annual amount decreed for that academic year.
3. Any offer by the Church and acceptance by MBU shall be subject to the proposed student making timely application to MBU for admittance, being qualified in all respects for admittance under the standards for admittance which may now, or which may hereafter, exist, and being proposed student must enroll and register as a FULL-TIME (12 hours or more) undergraduate student to be eligible for the matching scholarship. Students must be enrolled in at least 12 hours each semester at their one designated campus. Athletes may receive credit for any gift designated from the church; however, due to institutional scholarship allocations, athletes may only be eligible to receive the matching portion of the scholarship if it is included in their athletic scholarship contract.

4. In the event that the proposed student shall be accepted but shall fail to enter MBU or having entered shall leave or shall be expelled as provided by the rules, regulations, or bylaws of MBU, that part of the scholarship provided by the Church in accordance with the policy of MBU at such time relating to refunds as that policy is applicable to all students of and providers of scholarships to MBU, shall be retained by MBU or returned to the Church at the option of MBU.
5. In order to be considered for a matching scholarship, the Individual Student Agreement form must be received by August 19th for a Fall Semester or an entire academic year, or by January 6th for a Spring semester. In addition, if the tender of the Church is to be accepted by MBU, the Church must provide funds no later than the aforementioned dates.
6. Per IRS regulations, under no conditions may parents or students or other individuals designate gifts to the Church for the benefit of their children or other specified individuals for the purpose of qualifying for matching funds.
7. This agreement may be terminated by either party by sending written notice to the other of its desire to terminate the same and such termination shall be effective upon receipt by the other party of such notice; provided, however, that nothing contained herein shall in any way affect the rights or obligations of the parties of this agreement for scholarships previously tendered and accepted.

MBU

CHURCH

Missouri Baptist University

(Name of Church)

By: _____
(Signature of Church Official)

Date: _____

EXHIBIT A
STUDENT AGREEMENT -- CHURCH MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP

_____ (“Church”) does hereby

 (Name of Church)

offer a Scholarship to be matched by Missouri Baptist University (“MBU”) to the following named student(s):

Student Name	Student ID # (if known)	Church Scholarship Amount for the year (if one semester only, please specify which semester – fall or spring)
1.		\$
2.		\$
3.		\$
4.		\$
5.		\$

*If the Church is providing scholarships for more than 5 students, please list the remaining students on an additional Student Agreement.

The Church will provide such funds (scholarship amount) for the above-named student(s) in the manner specified below:

- Church will submit funds for the entire academic year with ONE check:
- Scholarship check due to MBU by August 19 (if not enclosed with this document)
- Church will submit funds for Fall & Spring separately
- Fall scholarship check due to MBU by August 19
 - Spring scholarship check due to MBU by January 6

This offer is made subject to the terms and provisions of the General Agreement – Church Matching Scholarship Program entered into between the Church and MBU on the ____ day of _____, 20___. Pursuant to that Agreement, this offer was authorized by the membership of the Church at a duly held business meeting on the ____ day of _____, 20___.

 (Printed Name of Certifying Official)

 (Signature of Certifying Official)

____/____/____
 (Today’s date)