

Maple Grove Mennonite Church Policy

Policy Title: Higher Education Grant & Matching Grant Program

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, obedient to Scripture, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We desire to grow as a community of grace, love, joy, and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to impact our world. In order to grow as a community of grace and provide leadership within our church, we need to nurture our people for ministry in an ever-changing world. Therefore, we recognize the importance of higher education for our members and believe an Anabaptist education should be available to any member who feels called to improve their abilities and spiritual gifts.

In an effort to encourage our members to pursue a Christian education that emphasizes the Anabaptist vision, the grant program has been established to reduce the cost difference that exists between our Anabaptist church schools and state-operated institutions.

BYLAWS

Administration

The Ministry of Administration will administer the Maple Grove Mennonite Church Higher Education Grant and Matching Grant Program.

The grant program is limited to students who are members of Maple Grove Mennonite Church and who regularly attend services of the congregation.

A grant is available for enrollment at colleges and seminaries maintaining the Mennonite Anabaptist vision. Examples of such schools are Rosedale Bible College, Eastern Mennonite University, Goshen College, Hesston College, Bluffton University, Bethel College, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, or Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. The Ministry of Administration must approve other colleges or seminaries supporting the Anabaptist tradition. Upon approval, the college or seminary will be added to the program.

Applications for eligible students need to be completed and given to the Ministry of Administration by March 31st preceding the school year beginning in September.

Upon acceptance of the student by one of the qualifying colleges or seminaries, notification must be given to the Treasurer. Shortly before the semester or trimester begins, the treasurer will issue a check directly to the college or seminary.

Funding

The grant program will be funded through the General budget of Maple Grove Mennonite Church. The Ministry of Administration will be responsible for determining the annual budget.

The budgeted amount will be distributed equally to all qualifying students not to exceed \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars) per student, per year. If the student elects to attend an institution offering a matching grant, the grant will first be allocated to the matching grant program and the balance to the education grant program. The amount of financial assistance may vary from year to year, based on the number of students eligible for the program and the annual budget.

Amending the Bylaws

The Bylaws may be amended upon the recommendation of the Ministry of Administration and approval by 80% (eighty percent) of the congregation.

Maple Grove Mennonite Church
Application Form

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HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT APPLICATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

COLLEGE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Number of Credit Hours Enrolled
time

College's Number of Credit Hours for Full-

Upon acceptance of the student by the above-named college, notification must be given to the Treasurer.

PLEASE RETURN TO JOHN KOSHMIDER, TREASURER, BY MARCH 31, 2023.