

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 (non-U.S. and non-Canadian) students. International students will be compared to their international peers in determining award recipients.

● merit-based scholarships

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 is studying 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 application for admission with all supporting materials, including transcript(s), references, an admission essay, and documentation of certification of funds.
2. A completed scholarship application.

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3. A three- to five-page essay that includes:
 - leadership potential for serving the local church
 - past, present and future service/ministry
 - how an education at AMBS will enrich their present and future ministry

AMBS will select the recipient of this award by **March 31** and inform the student via e-mail. The recipient must accept his or her award in writing by **April 15** to confirm enrollment for Semester One.

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 the 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 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 **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** program and take all of their courses online.
2. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours per academic year, which will allow them to complete the 27 credit hours required for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies 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 a 25-percent scholarship, for a total tuition discount of up to 75 percent.
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 six credits in any academic year, or if their GPA falls below 2.75, the scholarship will be forfeited.
5. Scholarship funds are limited and will be awarded to new students based on the amount of funding available during any academic year.
6. Students may begin course work for the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies in Semester One (September) or Semester Two (January). The deadline to apply for funds is **June 1** for Semester One and **Oct. 1** for Semester Two. Decisions about awards (if funds are available) will be made by **July 1** for Semester One and **Nov. 1** for Semester Two.

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

Applicants must submit:

1. A completed application for admission with all supporting materials, including transcript(s), references and an admission essay.
2. Completed financial aid and scholarship applications.
3. A three- to five-page essay that includes:
 - leadership potential for serving the church
 - past, present and future service/ministry
 - how an education at AMBS will enrich their ministry
4. The recipient must accept the award in writing by **Aug. 1** for Semester One and **Dec. 1** for Semester Two.

● 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. 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 a one-page essay describing their sense of call to pastoral ministry and to preaching.

Multicultural scholarships

Multicultural scholarships are available annually for students (of any racial/ethnic background) who are preparing to minister in a multicultural context and who will contribute to the multicultural ethos of the church. Applicants must complete the online scholarship application and submit a one-page essay describing their plans for — or current engagement in — ministry in a multicultural context.

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 a one-page essay describing their plans for — or current engagement in — bivocational ministry.

● questions?

Learn more about scholarship requirements and the application process: ambs.edu/scholarships

Access the scholarship application online: ambs.edu/forms/scholarship-application

See also "Tips for applying for scholarships": ambs.edu/admissions/tips-for-scholarship-applications

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