



CHURCH SPONSORSHIP GRANT PROGRAM – Graduate Programs 2026-2027 Commitment Form

Qualifying students may receive grants or scholarships from a congregation, a church conference, or a group of churches as ecclesial bodies who have budgeted or pooled resources for the purpose of providing tuition assistance. The Seminary graduate program offers substantial tuition scholarships up to 100% and so does not make additional matching grants while the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding and Master of Arts in Counseling graduate programs offer matching grants based on ecclesial contributions. More information available at <https://emu.edu/church-relations/students/>. **Please note: this program is not intended as an option for making tuition payments.**

To contribute to a graduate student's tuition and fees, this form should be completed and signed by an appropriate church official and returned by March 1, 2026 or as soon as possible!

Seminary students* – are eligible to receive ecclesial contributions to tuition and fees, regardless of degree program or full-time status.

Graduate students (CJP and MAC programs only) - must be admitted, degree-seeking, and enrolled at least half-time (5 or more credits per term.) Master's degree students may receive annual matching grants (dollar for dollar) of \$1000 per award year (\$2000 career maximum), certificate students (\$1000 career maximum).

Note: The total sum of a church grant received and the matching grant awarded from EMU may not exceed the tuition and fee charges for the awarded term. Also, the total seminary aid awarded for a given term may not exceed the tuition for that term.

Send Commitment Form to Financial Assistance Office (address at bottom) or email to finaid@emu.edu

Please send payment at least one week prior to the beginning of each semester/term (approx. Aug 19 and Jan 1.) Make checks payable to EMU and include a copy of this form (pdf available on website: <https://emu.edu/financial-aid/forms/>). Contact FAO at 540-432-4137 or finaid@emu.edu with questions.

Name of Congregation _____				
Address _____				
Contact Person _____			Phone _____	
Signature of Contact Person _____			Date _____	
Student First Name	Middle Name/Initial	Last Name	Fall Amt	Spring Amt
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**Degree –seeking seminary students admitted prior to 2024 may receive a matching grant from EMS as outlined in their admission letter and based on their course load. Half-time students (5-8 credits/semester) may receive annual matching grants (dollar for dollar) of \$1000 per award year which includes fall, spring and summer terms. Full-time students (9 or more credits/semester) may receive a matching grant (dollar for dollar) of \$2000 per award year (includes fall, spring and summer terms) and an additional 1:4 match for any amount over \$2000.*