

UNIVERSITY OF MOUNT OLIVE

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Ministerial Benefit Grant

One of the reasons for the establishment of this institution in 1951 was to better educate our licensed and ordained ministers so that they could have a major impact on the church and its future. It has been a long-standing practice for the institution to ensure that at least 90% of all tuition cost for those persons preparing to serve in leadership in the church would be borne by the University. A similar practice has recently been extended to students pursuing their education through our nontraditional program. Students in our nontraditional programs can expect to have an out of pocket tuition cost of no more than \$200 per class.

This scholarship program is an incredible opportunity; with this opportunity comes basic responsibilities. The purpose of this document is it to identify those requirements for receiving and/or maintaining the OFWB Ministerial Scholarship.

- A. To receive the OFWB Ministerial Scholarship, a student must:
1. be admitted into the religion degree program
 2. be eligible for institutional financial aid and must complete all required financial aid forms
 3. obtain the endorsement of the student's home Church and home Conference Ordaining Council via properly signed financial aid forms (This is the student's responsibility to obtain)
- B. To maintain the OFWB Ministerial Scholarship, a student must obtain all of the following:
1. receive the annual endorsement of the Department of Religion faculty by no later than May 10th for the coming academic year via an annual signed form (This is the student's responsibility to obtain from the Department and return to the University Financial Aid Office)
 2. successfully complete a minimum number of credit hours
 - for traditional students, 27 credit hours per academic year
 - for nontraditional students, 18-20 credit hours per academic year
 3. maintain an overall GPA of at least 2.50, with no program grades lower than "C" (It is the student's responsibility to meet with the Religion Department, or its representative, by the end of each semester to review progress)
 4. continue to receive the endorsement of the student's home Church and home Conference Ordaining Council via signatures from the clerks of both on annual financial aid forms (This is the student's responsibility to obtain and return to the University Financial Aid Office)
 5. remain in compliance with the University Covenant
 6. attend class regularly
 - for traditional students in classes that meet 3 days per week, the student must not miss more than 6 classes (or two weeks); in classes that meet 2 days per week, the student must not miss more than 4 classes (or two weeks).
 - for nontraditional students in 5 week classes, the student must not miss more than 1 class.

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Failure to comply with any of these would constitute the basis for the revocation of the OFWB Ministerial Scholarship until such time as the individual is in compliance. Exceptions can be made as deemed appropriate by the Department of Religion faculty. Any student removed from the OFWB Ministerial Scholarship program would be eligible to receive whatever regular UMO scholarship aid that they would have received otherwise.

Note to Original Free Will Baptist Ordaining Councils:

The University of Mount Olive is not able to offer any information about the student's progress as this would break FERPA laws. However, it is fully within the Ordaining Council's right to request the student obtain any information deemed necessary from the University and that the student share that information with said ordaining council.

Student Application

Name _____ SS# _____
Last First MI

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (____) _____

Church _____ Are You a Member? Yes No

List major awards and achievements received in high school, college, and/or employment:

List significant church activities, indicating any office held:

Signature

Date

The UMO Religion Department, by signing below confirms the student is meeting all requirements listed above to receive or maintain the OFWB Ministerial Benefit.

UMO Religion Department

Date

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Recommendation Form

Name of Applicant _____

Church _____

Is the Applicant a Church Member? Yes No

Is the Applicant a Sunday School Member? Yes No

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date Church Recommended Student for Grant: _____

Provide a letter of reference from the church in the space below:

Signature, Church Clerk

Date

Home Conference Ordaining Counsel, by signing below confirms the student is licensed and is currently in good standing with the board.

Home Conference Ordaining Counsel

Date