

# Church Match Grant

## How it Works

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If your church donates funds towards your tuition and fees, Trinity will match donations each academic year (summers not included except for Doctor of Ministry students).

- **Undergraduate Students**
  - o Up to \$500 per semester from any church
- **MDIV, MA and PhD Students**
  - o Up to \$500 per semester from any church
  - o Up to \$1,000 per semester from an EFCA church or student is a Trinity alum
- **Doctor of Ministry Students**
  - o Up to \$100 per seminar
  - o Up to \$250 per seminar from an EFCA church or student is a Trinity alum
- **Law Students** (must have a 3.0+ GPA)
  - o Up to \$1,000 per semester from any church
  - o Up to \$2,000 per semester from an EFCA church

## Criteria

- Open to students in a degree seeking program
- Based on full-time billable hours
- Pro-rated 50% if part-time (excluding Law Students)
  - o Example: Maximum match for a MDIV EFCA church donation is \$500/semester
- Match not available for below part-time students
- Multiple churches can support a student, but Trinity will only match up to the applicable amounts indicated above.
- Church support will first be applied towards tuition and fees. If tuition and fees are covered, churches can designate the support to go towards student's living expenses.
- Trinity's match portion in combination with other Trinity scholarships cannot exceed tuition and fees. For example, a student on 100% Trinity scholarship can have church support placed on their student account, but they would not be eligible for Trinity's match portion.

## Important Guidelines for Churches

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- For the church to participate, it must have a scholarship fund set up that follows the Internal Revenue Service's guidelines for charitable deductions.
- Parents or relatives who contribute to the church fund for their gift to go to their student's scholarship will not meet the charitable deduction guidelines. Gifts cannot be given with an "understanding" that they will be designated toward a specific person or funneled through the church to receive this grant.
- A student who is on staff with the church is not allowed to have salary redirected to go toward the Church Match Grant.
- A church representative must complete and sign this application form, thus confirming the church follows the TIU Church Match Grant guidelines.

## How to Apply

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To apply, simply have a church representative complete the form below and return the form and check (made payable to Trinity International University) directly to the Student Financial Services Office at Trinity International University. Please make sure your name and student ID number are written on the check memo line.

# Church Match Grant Application

## Student Responsibility

Please complete your information and give this form to the appropriate official in the church that is supporting you.

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Student's Name

Student ID Number

Is the student an alumnus of Trinity?     yes     no

Please check the one that applies to the applicant:

- Undergraduate Student
- Graduate Student
- Doctor of Ministry Student
- Law Student

## Church Responsibility

Please fill out the information fields completely, read over the "Important Guidelines" section, sign, and return to the address listed below by the due date.

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Church Name

Contact Person

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Church Address

City

State

Zip Code

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Church Phone Number

Please check one:

- EFCA Church
- Other Denomination

Please indicate the amount the church has enclosed to support the student:

\$                                     for the year     Fall semester     Spring semester     Summer (***DMin Only***)

Trinity will match the church support according to the program guidelines. Support designated for the academic year will be split between the Fall and Spring semesters.

## Important Information

This form, along with the check made payable to "Trinity International University," must be received **by the end of the semester**. Please write the student's name and ID number on the memo line of the check.

Mail Check and Form to:

Trinity International University  
Attn: Student Financial Services  
2065 Half Day Rd  
Deerfield, IL 60015

**By signing this form, I certify that the church follows the guidelines set forth by Trinity for the Church Match Grant (see important guidelines).**

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Church Official's Signature

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Title

Date

***The deadline to submit the Church Match Grant form and check to Student Financial Services is the last day of each semester.***