

The following guidelines were approved by Congregational Council March 5, 2003:

**CMCL offers scholarships for undergraduate education, master's level programs and adult degree completion programs. Scholarship program is managed by Young Adult Endowment Fund Committee whose responsibilities include**

- raising awareness among CMCL youth about opportunities and timelines.
- submitting budget numbers during the budget cycle (this means knowing the youth coming through the program and their college plans).
- making decisions about where cuts occur in the event that the line item is cut during the final budgeting process.
- make decisions about eligibility if such questions arise.
- directing office staff in completion of matching grant paperwork.

### Eligibility

1. any CMCL member, regular attender or child of any CMCL member or regular attender enrolled at least half-time in their first four years of undergraduate education at one of the Mennonite colleges(\*), regular attendance to be determined by the Scholarship Committee in consultation with pastoral team.
2. any CMCL member or regular attender enrolled at least half time, for a limit of 3 years, in a masters-level degree program, with the goal of church-related employment, at a seminary on the list of supported seminaries (\*\*).
3. any CMCL member or regular attender enrolled in undergraduate adult degree completion programs at one of the MC-USA colleges.

### Application

1. Students applying to Mennonite colleges (\*) should notify CMCL's Scholarship Committee by January 31 of the year in which they expect to matriculate (assumes fall matriculation) so that CMCL can meet its obligations to inform the colleges by college deadlines. Note: A student who decides after the college deadlines for congregational commitments may not be eligible for either CMCL scholarship monies or college matching.

### Level of scholarship support

1. It will be the goal each budget year to support each student at the maximum 1:1 matching amount per university policy in effect for the relevant year, but that, in the event that the budget cannot be approved at this level, all students be supported at a lesser level rather than some students receiving nothing. The colleges' current matching guidelines and deadlines should be provided to the committee in summary form by the church office in time for this committee to both submit its budget to the CMCL budgeting process and for CMCL to inform the colleges of our intended support by the college deadlines.

### Clarification on eligibility

1. In terms of who is eligible to receive support from this fund, the following would "not" be eligible to receive funds:
  - a. persons taking "continuing education" classes at seminary or any other eligible institution (that is, persons not pursuing a seminary or undergraduate degree).
  - b. students pursuing undergraduate degrees in non-Mennonite institutions.
  - c. elementary or high school students in private schools, Mennonite or non-Mennonite.
  - d. students in non-traditional educational environments (we see the already-existing young adult fund as being the appropriate place to fund these kinds of experiences).

### Qualifying Institutions

\*Mennonite colleges (MC-USA owned colleges) currently include Bethel College, Bluffton University, Eastern Mennonite University, Goshen College, Hesston College.

\*\*Eligible seminaries include Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, other seminary programs negotiated in advance with the committee (amounts of grants comparable to those for students attending the Mennonite Seminaries, to be determined in advance).