

Scholarship and Financial Aid Policies and Information

School of Theology



This document contains important information for those seeking scholarship aid as a student at Anderson University School of Theology. All students are considered for scholarships and are encouraged to complete the scholarship request form (http://www.anderson.edu/sot/admissions/sot_financial_aid.pdf). A variety of sources help in funding scholarships, including private endowed scholarships. Students are encouraged to apply for government direct loans (when necessary) or to check with their own denominations regarding scholarship funds that might be available to them for master's degree programs.

The following items are important to understand related to scholarships and financial aid:

- Since the School of Theology offers several master-level degree programs, students sometimes seek multiple degrees. After a student completes one degree program and returns to seek another degree, for financial aid purposes, the student will be starting over at zero hours and aid will be awarded accordingly.
- It is important to understand that no student will receive scholarships or financial aid beyond the cost of tuition each semester.
- Scholarships generally will NOT be awarded to a student whose incompletes have NOT been removed within four months of the final day of any academic term.
- Scholarships are provided based on academic course load, i.e., the number of semester hours taken. Changes made in a student's academic schedule (total number of semester hours) will result in adjustments to a student's scholarships and any direct loans. These changes will be recalculated and adjusted by the Office of Student Financial Services.
- In order for a student to be eligible for scholarships or direct loans, he or she must be fully accepted or are currently a student in good standing with the Anderson University School of Theology.
- In order for students to remain eligible for scholarships and financial aid, he or she must be working toward a degree in the School of Theology and be making satisfactory academic progress as defined by the Anderson University School of Theology Student Handbook.

Students requesting scholarships and financial aid should return all completed forms or address questions to:

Office of Student Development
Anderson University School of Theology
1100 East Fifth St., Anderson, IN 46012-3495

The following section is related to students from the Church of God tradition (with ministry offices in Anderson, Ind.):

The Boyce W. Blackwelder Tuition Assistance Scholarship is available only to Church of God students enrolled in the School of Theology. Church of God students should carefully read the administrative policies and guidelines for the Blackwelder Scholarship (located at <http://www.anderson.edu/sot/admissions/blackwelder-fund.pdf>). Please note in Section II, "the student receiving full funds will meet the qualifications intended by the church." NOTE: Each Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) student will receive a total scholarship award package made up of the Blackwelder Scholarship and any private endowed scholarships that may be available.

Each student who requests a Blackwelder Tuition Assistance Scholarship must submit a letter from the pastor of his or her church stating that the student is indeed a member of that particular Church of God (Anderson, Ind.) congregation and that he or she is actively participating in the life of that congregation. This letter should accompany the scholarship request form (available at http://www.anderson.edu/sot/admissions/sot_financial_aid.pdf).

The Financial Aid and Awards Committee of the seminary annually determines the amount of scholarships based on projected enrollment and available funds collected for the Blackwelder Fund by Church of God Ministries, World Service.

If by chance you are a student coming out of the Church of God tradition but are currently employed by another church tradition, you will need to request a letter from either the state coordinator of the Church of God in which you grew up or worked, or your home Church of God pastor, affirming that you qualify under the administration policies/guidelines for the Boyce W. Blackwelder Tuition Fund for Church of God Seminarians.

Also, please note that you must maintain at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average AND be in preparation for professional ministry in the Church of God (see D under Section II).