How it Works

If your church donates funds toward your education, Trinity will match donations each academic year (summers not included, excepting Doctor of Ministry students).

- Masters and PhD Students* – Trinity will match up to $1000 for contributions given by any church; up to $2000 for contributions given by Evangelical Free Churches; and up to $2000 for Trinity alumni per academic year.
- Doctor of Ministry Students – Trinity will match up to $200 for all contributions given by Evangelical Free Churches; up to $150 for Trinity Alumni; and up to $100 for all other applicants per seminar.

This offer is open to students enrolled in a degree-seeking program at the Deerfield campus. **Eligibility is based on full-time enrollment (10 hrs. Masters or 9 hrs. PhD) and will be prorated if a student is part-time.** Multiple churches can support a student but Trinity will only match up to $1000 yr/per student (or applicable amount above).

*Students in the MA/T program do not qualify.

Important Guidelines

- In order for the church to participate it must have a scholarship fund set up that is in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service’s guidelines for charitable deductions. Parents or relatives who contribute to the church fund in order 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. For example, a student who is on staff with the church is not allowed to have salary redirected to go toward the Church Match Grant.
- The Church Match Grant application and support money are due by the first day of class in the fall semester. Exceptions are made for students who begin their enrollment in the spring semester.
- A church representative needs to fill out the application form and by doing so confirms that the church is in compliance with the guidelines established by Trinity.

How To Apply

To apply for this grant, simply have a church representative fill out the form on the reverse side and mail the form and check to the Financial Aid Office at Trinity International University. Please make sure your name and “Church Match Grant” are written on the check memo line.

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