

BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY

2020-2021 Church Matching Grant Application

All students are required to submit a church matching grant application annually to be considered for the Church Matching Grant

September 1- fall deadline for fall and spring semesters

January 31- spring deadline for spring semester

A. Student Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Maiden Name
Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Home Telephone	Cell Phone	Work Phone	Extension
Email Address	Social Security Number	Date of Birth (mm/dd/year)	

B. Church Information

Name of Church			
Street Address	City	State	Zip
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Email Address	Telephone Number		
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Yearly Contribution	Date(s) Contribution will be sent		

C. Joint Information (to be completed by student and church) Initial each of the following statements

Student	Church
_____	_____
We certify the church subscribes to Belhaven University's Statement of Faith as detailed on the Belhaven University website (www.belhaven.edu)	
_____	_____
We have read and understand the IRS Tax Guidelines for scholarship contributions to a specific student	
_____	_____
We understand that the maximum possible match from Belhaven University is \$500.	
The church match of up to \$500 will be for the spring semester.	

D. Signatures:

I understand that I must be a full-time student seeking a first degree in the Traditional undergraduate program to be considered for a church matching grant and that church gifts will only be matched if I and my church meet all other program requirements.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

As an authorized representative of the church listed above, I confirm that we plan to participate in Belhaven University's Church Matching Grant Program and we understand all the requirements for this program.

Signature of authorized church representative: _____ Date: _____

Printed name and title of authorized church representative: _____

Return this form and required documents to:

Office of Student Financial Services * Belhaven University * 1500 Peachtree Street * Jackson, MS 39202

Fax 662-796-3081 * email studentaid@belhaven.edu

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NOTICE TO CHURCHES REGARDING GIFTS TO BELHAVEN UNIVERSITY THAT ARE DESIGNATED FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENT SUPPORT

For your protection, it is important that Belhaven University notify you of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) regulations regarding a church's gifts to Belhaven University that is designated to support a specific student.

If your church's gift for the scholarship comes primarily from the family, it is possible that your church could have its tax exempt status examined by the IRS, and the family could receive severe IRS penalties. Such concerns are not raised if the gift from your church is designated for the general scholarship fund and not applied to a specific student, or if proper procedure is followed in supporting a specific student.

When a church provides scholarship aid for a specific student, several concerns need to be addressed. For example, it is a violation of IRS rules if an offering is collected for the scholarship, and a substantial gift to that offering comes from the student's family. Similarly, it is a violation for a family to give money to a friend to put in a designated offering for that student. It is a clear violation for a family to make a gift directly to the church for such a scholarship.

On the other hand, it is quite appropriate under IRS guidelines for a church to support individual students from its operating budget, or take a special offering for such a scholarship during which the student's family does not contribute at an unusual level.

Please understand that Belhaven University strongly encourages churches to support the Christian education of students from within their congregation, both generally and specifically. But, for the protection of the church and the family of the student, prudent care must be taken to ensure that IRS rules are not violated. You must take care that money given on behalf of a student is clearly a gift and is not in any way money that has come from the family that is being given through the church rather than paid directly to a university.

If you are unclear as to the correctness of any gift, please feel free to contact Belhaven's Development Office and discuss the gift before sending it on behalf of a student. Our Development Office can be reached by telephone at (601) 968-5925, or by email at development@belhaven.edu.

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