

## MATCHING CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### Guidelines & Instructions

Please read the guidelines and follow the instructions to determine if a congregation would like to participate. Anderson University will match gifts up to \$250 per semester (for a total of \$500 per school year) for each undergraduate student (enrolled in 12 hours or more). Churches from any denomination or independent congregation from any country can participate. When a church partners with AU, this can add up to \$500 per semester (\$1000 per year) towards the student's Financial Aid Package.

- **AU Encourages a Submission Deadline of April 1** – ***Student Award Forms*** received by April 1 of the year preceding enrollment are assured a matching scholarship. AU will continue to accept forms after April 1, and any match is dependent upon remaining funds available. There is no cost to the church to enroll.
- Establish a local ***Church Scholarship Committee*** to promote the scholarship program in your church. The committee will also determine which students will receive funds, and the amount they receive per semester. Early action by the ***Church Scholarship Committee*** may make the difference between receiving and NOT receiving an Anderson University Matching Church Scholarship.
- **Since the IRS does not allow** the use of the Matching Church Scholarship Program to channel funds from family members to AU students, all funds donated through this program must be from persons or sources that are “detached and of disinterested generosity” as defined by the IRS Regulations. Specifically, this means funds from a student's parents or the student recipient cannot be used to fund awards.  
Also, the IRS does not allow a charitable income tax deduction if a donor names a specific student to receive his/her contribution, nor can Anderson University provide matching funds to such targeted gifting.

### STEPS TO TAKE

**Step 1** – Complete the one time ***Church Enrollment Form***, have it signed by your pastor or authorized church official, and submit to Matching Church Scholarship Program, Anderson University, 1100 East 5<sup>th</sup> St, Anderson, IN 46012.

**Step 2** – We encourage the student and the church to work closely in completing this step. The ***Church Scholarship Committee or Pastor*** must complete, sign, and mail the ***Annual Student Award Form*** to Anderson University. This form is required **each year** for **each student** being supported by the church. Committees are encouraged to make equal awards to all participating students.

**Step 3** – Upon request, a ***Scholarship Certificate*** from Anderson University can be sent to the Church Scholarship Committee. We encourage congregations to publicly present these certificates to inspire others to participate in helping to fund students' educations through the Matching Church Scholarship Program.

**Step 4** – Increase your church's scholarship account by encouraging donors who work for companies with corporate matching programs to donate directly to your church's scholarship account at Anderson University. The donor may **not** designate a specific student recipient, but may designate that his/her gift be placed in the church's scholarship account. This money may be to be used for awards for students from his/her church which are determined by the scholarship committee.

**Payments are DUE August 1 and December 1**

**QUESTIONS?** Concerns of the program's church account balance, student awards, and general information should be directed to Amy Reed in Advancement Services by calling **765-641-4062**, or by emailing [amreed@anderson.edu](mailto:amreed@anderson.edu). You may also write to Matching Church Scholarship Program, Anderson University, 1100 East 5th St, Anderson, IN 46012.