

# church matching scholarship application

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## NOTE:

- Church contributions for a student's bill are always accepted, and church officials can use this form.
- Students who first enrolled at Union College before Fall 2015 are eligible for the church matching scholarship.
- Students who enrolled for the first time (or re-enrolled after a year of absence) in Fall 2015 or after are eligible for church contributions, but no match of funds from Union College.

## Student Information

First name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_

UC ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ School phone \_\_\_\_\_

School terms in attendance  First semester  Second semester

Church name \_\_\_\_\_

Church address \_\_\_\_\_

Church phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of church contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ School year: \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned do hereby verify that:

- The funds sent by the church are funds from a general scholarship fund over which the church (not the donor) has full discretion
- The funds sent by the church were not directly provided by family members of the above named student
- The funds were processed through the church treasury/accounting department in a manner consistent with IRS regulations and best practices for church financial administrating and accounting

Church pastor/treasurer (print name) \_\_\_\_\_

Church pastor/treasurer (signature) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This application form and church funds from a clearly identifiable church checking account must be received prior to the awarding of the Union Church Matching Scholarship.**

## Church Matching Scholarship Information

### What is it?

Church Matching is a financial scholarship program that provides opportunities for churches to assist students in paying for educationally related costs at Union College.

### How does it work?

A student with financial need (see your recruiter or financial advisor at Union) contacts their local church and requests funds to be sent to Union College in their behalf with the accompanying application. When the funds and the application are received, Union College will match 50% of the funds up to a maximum matching scholarship of \$1,750 (maximum match per semester is \$875).

### Is it legal?

Yes, as long as the funds were processed through the church treasury/accounting department in a manner consistent with IRS regulations and best practices for church financial administrating and accounting. The matching scholarship will apply to funds that are sent directly from the church to Union College and no family member has made a contribution to the local church for the expressed purpose of funding the church's contribution in behalf of the student (see your church treasurer for further clarification).

### **When is the money placed on the student's account?**

All contributions by the church and the matching scholarship amounts will be divided by the number of terms the student will be attending in a single academic year. For example: A student who receives \$1000 church award and attends full-time first and second semester will receive \$250 in Union College Church Matching funds each semester for a total of \$500.

### **Can Church Matching affect other financial awards?**

In some cases, yes. It is important for the student to talk to their financial advisor if they are receiving other awards.

### **Can Church Matching be used in the summer?**

No. Church Matching scholarships are only available during first and second semester. Amounts provided to a student's account by a church for summer classes will not be matched by Union.

### **When should the student contact the church for funds?**

It is best to contact your church before school starts so that an accurate financial award package can be prepared before classes begin.

### **Will a letter of intent from the church be enough for a student to receive Church Matching funds?**

No. Union College must actually receive the funds. However, a letter of commitment from the church in the student's behalf can be used to estimate the overall financial award a student will receive.

### **Can a church send smaller amounts throughout the year, rather than a single amount for the entire year?**

Yes. If churches are not able to send funds all at once for the entire year they are encouraged to send funds to Union College once each semester, preferably at the beginning of each semester.

### **What happens to church funds if the student for whom they are intended drops out of school?**

The church will be contacted and will have the option of having the unused funds returned to the church or reassigned to another student of the church's choice.

### **Can Church Matching be placed on my account without the application?**

No. The application must accompany the first church check sent each school year.

### **Is this scholarship renewable?**

Yes, but a new application must be received each school year.

### **Who do I contact if I have additional questions?**

Please feel free to contact **Student Financial Services (402) 486-2505**, or **Enrollment Services (402) 486-2504**.