



A U S T I N
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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Name: _____ Program: B.A. ___ M.A.T.S. ___
Applying for: Fall 200__ Spring 200__

Financial assistance information:

The Financial Aid Office assists qualified students in obtaining financial help for education from several sources, including Federal Pell Grants, Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Work Study Grants, and institutional scholarships established by benefactors of the School. Student financial aid is intended to supplement, rather than replace, family sources for funding student education.

Eligibility for federally funded financial assistance is determined according to guidelines found in the federal regulations, and is subject to change without notice. For federal financial aid, students must be admitted into a degree program and be making satisfactory progress in their course of study. Federal Loans require half-time enrollment.

Students seeking financial aid must complete a school financial aid application and a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is required for access to any federally funded sources of financial aid *and* provides information that will assist the School Scholarship Committee in determining financial need for institutional awards. A new FAFSA must be completed for each academic year a student seeks assistance.

Preference for scholarships is given to students enrolled full-time with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and that are active in student activities (part-time students may also be considered under certain circumstances). Scholarships range from \$100 to full tuition grants.

Steps to apply:

- 1) **Obtain admission forms** from and return to:
Director of Admissions / Registrar
- 2) **Obtain a School Financial Aid Application** from and return to:
Financial Aid Administrator
- 3) **Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at:**
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

Verification:

Students completing the FAFSA may be requested to provide supporting documentation. If requested, documentation must be supplied within 30 days.

Austin Community College (ACC) enrollment:

Undergraduate students attending ACC for their general education credits must inform Austin Grad's financial aid office at least two weeks before the start of a semester in order for these courses to be considered for federal aid. Austin Grad cannot distribute such aid to ACC for a student's tuition bill. Students must make their own payment arrangements with ACC.

DEADLINES

To receive Priority Consideration students must submit a school Financial Aid Applications by:

JULY 1 for Fall Semesters
NOVEMBER 15 for Spring Semesters
APRIL 15 for Summer Semesters

Application

How many credit hours do you expect to enroll each semester?

Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer _____

Name _____

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE

MAIDEN

Social Security number ___/___/___ Birth Date ___/___/___ Sex ___ M ___ F

Local Address _____ Phone (____) _____

Permanent mailing address: _____

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

Driver's license number: _____ State _____ Race _____

U.S. Citizen? ___ Yes ___ No If no, of what country? _____ Marital status _____

Will your marital status change prior to the semester for which you are applying for financial aid?

___ Yes ___ No If yes, how? _____

Church membership: _____

YOUR PLANS: ___ I plan to enroll in: ___ I am currently enrolled in:
___ Bachelor's Degree Program ___ Master's Degree Program

Anticipated graduation: _____

Have you previously applied here for financial assistance? ___ Yes ___ No

Most recent application date: _____

Have you completed a FAFSA? ___ Yes ___ No

(NOTE: IF NO, THE FAFSA CAN BE COMPLETED AT <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>)

TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DESIRED:

___ Federal Pell Grant ___ Work-study
___ Federal Stafford Loan ___ Scholarship

Currently Austin Grad does not offer housing – if this was available would you be interested? ___ Yes ___ No

If you will receive a scholarship, grant, loan or other financial aid from a source other than the School, please list the source and the amount below:

NAME OF AWARD

AMOUNT

TRANSFER STUDENTS AND GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Transfer or graduate? _____ Transferred from: _____

Indicate all names under which post-secondary education records are listed: _____

List all colleges or universities you have attended and dates of attendance:

College/University	Address	Dates of Attendance

LIST ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD BELOW (including self):

Name	Age	Relationship	Name of College to be attended at least half-time in the following academic year
		Self	

Do you plan to work? Full time Part-time No

If working, where? _____

Will you live with parents? Yes No

PARENT INFORMATION (dependent students only):

Applicant's parents: _____ Country: _____

Address: _____
 street city state zip

Father's occupation: _____ Mother's occupation: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Church membership: _____

STUDENT BUDGET: (PLEASE ATTACH AN ADDITIONAL SHEET IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED FOR YOUR BUDGET.)

INCOME		DEBTS	
SOURCE	Monthly income	CREDITOR	Amount owed/ monthly payment
WAGES		MORTGAGE OR RENT	
WAGES		UTILITIES	
SPONSORS		CAR PAYMENT(S)	
SPONSORS		LOAN	
OTHER:		LOAN	
OTHER:		CREDIT CARD	
OTHER:		CREDIT CARD	
		CREDIT CARD	
		OTHER	
TOTAL		TOTAL	

PLEASE EXPLAIN ANY SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL IN CONSIDERING A FINANCIAL AID AWARD. ALSO, PLEASE GIVE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT AND/OR GOALS.

STUDENT ELIGIBILITY STATEMENT

Please read this student eligibility and certificate statement very carefully and sign at the bottom of the page. You are responsible for the information you provide:

In the event that I am granted financial assistance at the Austin Graduate School of Theology (hereinafter referred to as the School), I certify that:

1. I am: (a) enrolled in a eligible program as a regular student and (b) am making satisfactory academic progress.
2. I am not receiving financial assistance from another educational institution for the same term for which I am making this application at the School.
3. I do not owe a refund on any grant or loan, am not in default on any loan, and have not borrowed in excess of the loan limits, under Title IV programs, at any institution. I will use all Title IV funds received only for the expenses related to my study at the School.
4. If I withdraw from the School before the end of the semester for which I received financial assistance, I: (a) realize I may be liable for repayment of some portion of Federal Financial Aid received for that semester, (b) will repay any School financial awards that were granted to me for that semester.
5. I authorize the School to block any official transcripts or other records at the School in the event that I become delinquent on an educational loan which was awarded, granted or recommended for me by the School through any Title IV funds program.
6. I authorize the School's Financial Aid Office to disclose any financial assistance information without my prior consent if such disclosure is in connection with any application processing or receipt of student financial assistance programs. In addition, I authorize the School to disclose all loan information obtained by the Financial Aid Office which is applicable to: (1) lender(s); (2) guarantee agency(s); (3) federal agency(s); and (4) collection agent(s) in regard to the normal servicing of the loan program(s).
7. I understand that a School Financial Aid Application is necessary for each academic year and a separate application is necessary for the summer sessions to be considered for financial assistance. I further understand and certify that I am fully aware of the financial assistance deadlines and will submit my application in a timely manner to be processed before any established deadline.
8. I will report to Financial Aid Office any changes in the information reported on this application at the time the changes occur.

The items in this application have been answered accurately and truthfully to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize Austin Graduate School of Theology to apply to my account the proceeds of any financial assistance awarded by the School.

STUDENT SIGNATURE (all applicants must sign)

DATE