

**INFORMATION ON UUA FINANCIAL AID GRANTS
FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
2009-2010**

The Unitarian Universalist Association has a variety of scholarship sources. Some are general scholarships and others are named scholarships, with specific criteria. All financial aid grants are determined by a committee of UUA staff members and others that minimally include two Unitarian Universalist ministers and a Unitarian Universalist layperson with a background in finance. Grants are determined on the basis of academic merit and financial need, consistent with the requirements of the scholarship funds, and range from \$1,000 to \$11,000. Last year, the UUA Scholarship Committee awarded over \$250,000.

If you are planning to apply for financial aid from the UUA, please read over the following guidelines and instructions very carefully. For more information, contact Christine May in the Ministerial Credentialing Office at (617) 948-6403, or at cmay@uua.org. To contribute, contact Katrina Bergmann in Stewardship and Development at (617) 948-6662, or at kbergmann@uua.org.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The cost of studying for the Unitarian Universalist ministry is high. Consequently, financial pressures can be severe if wise choices are not made right from the beginning. The UUA is committed to trying to find ways to help alleviate the pressure through scholarship aid, debt-retirement assistance, counseling, and support for adequate ministerial salaries. If you have questions, please see the financial aid officer at your school or call the Ministerial Credentialing Office. *The Economic Realities of the Unitarian Universalist Ministry* has detailed information on the costs of becoming a UU minister, and the average salary range for new ministers. A copy is available at <http://www.uua.org/programs/ministry/finances/erbrochure.pdf>

ELIGIBILITY FOR AID:

To be eligible to apply for UUA financial aid grants, all applicants must be in Aspirant or Candidate status. Full-time and part-time students are eligible to apply. Those planning to be in an internship are eligible to apply, even if they will not be enrolled in theological school during the internship. Those in aspirant status have one year of eligibility for financial aid before interviewing with an RSCC. Aspirants will be eligible for subsequent financial aid as long as an RSCC interview has been scheduled. Aspirants who have been denied candidacy status by an RSCC are not eligible for financial aid.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- 1) All forms are to be received no later than **5pm, April 15th, 2009** and sent to the Ministerial Credentialing Office, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.
- 2) All application requests **MUST** be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 3) Have your financial aid officer fill out the Financial Aid Application 2009-2010 form.
- 4) Have a Unitarian Universalist minister in full fellowship (please, not a faculty member from your theological school) fill out a recommendation letter form.
- 5) Have your faculty advisor or another faculty member fill out a recommendation letter form.
- 6) In addition, students (except Canadians, and those who are in internship but not students) are required to submit a Student Aid Report containing a calculation of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) ordinarily obtainable from one's theological school upon completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms available on the web (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>) or from the U.S. Department of Education.
- 7) You will receive notification of financial aid award decisions by May 30th, 2009.

Named Scholarships

Applicants for financial aid through the UUA are automatically considered for these named scholarships; no additional application materials are required, unless otherwise noted.

The Martha and Robert Atherton Ministerial Scholarship

Established in 1997, this scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to promising ministerial students in their 2nd or 3rd year of seminary who have already proven their capabilities. This scholarship is awarded to individuals who respect hard work as a foundation of a full life and appreciate the freedom, political system, and philosophical underpinnings of our country. Martha and Robert Atherton are dedicated Unitarian Universalists who have made this scholarship possible through their generous contributions.

The David Eaton Scholarship

Maurine Mulliner, a long-time member of All Soul's Church in Washington DC, made an estate gift to affirm Rev. David Eaton's vision of a community dedicated to strengthening hope, justice and balance, and creating an anti-racist, multi-cultural religious organization and country. This scholarship is awarded to women from a historically marginalized group who share the same vision as David Eaton.

Lucille K. and Jerome P. Gallon Scholarship Fund

The Lucille K. and Jerome P. Gallon Scholarship fund was created to support promising candidates for Unitarian Universalist ministry. This scholarship is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated strong preaching skills during their path to ministry.

The Ingeborg Haseltine Scholarship Funds

Ingeborg Haseltine made a gift from her estate to establish a permanent scholarship and aid fund to support the education of women pursuing a career in the ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Church.

Interfaith Spirituality Scholarship

This scholarship was established by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The purpose is to support individuals who have demonstrated an interest in and are prepared to integrate interfaith understanding into their ministry, and have a commitment to guiding others on their own spiritual paths.

The David Pohl Scholarship

This scholarship was established by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations upon Rev. Pohl's retirement as UUA Director of Ministry in 1993. It supports the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of individuals studying for UU ministry.

The Roy H. Pollack Scholarship

The Roy H. Pollack Scholarship was created in 1998 to support second- or third-year students who have strong academic records and are a promising candidate for the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

The Von Ogden Vogt Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2001 by Ogden and Carolyn Vogt to honor Carolyn's father The Rev. Dr. Von Ogden Vogt and his dedication and commitment to Unitarian Universalism. Scholarships are given to support the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of future Unitarian Universalist ministers who are attending Meadville Lombard Theological School.

\$20,000 Association Sunday Scholarships 2009-2010

*Association Sunday Scholarships are available **only** for the upcoming academic year and require additional application materials.* All applicants must be in candidate status and have evaluations available for review by the UUA Scholarship Committee from one of the following: field education, CPE or internship. Applicants may be full-time or part-time students, or have been accepted into an internship that will be commencing for the 2009-2010 year. The UUA Scholarship Committee will have access to all materials that were included in the candidate's RSCC packet including the letter that was prepared following the RSCC interview.

This scholarship has a separate application process. To apply, complete the entire financial aid application including the letters of recommendation and the financial aid planning sheet. In addition, please submit a 2-3 page essay in response to the following: "Please reflect upon your path to ministerial fellowship and how you have grown or changed as a result of theological education and practical experience in field education, CPE or internship. How have these changes informed your understanding and appreciation of excellence in ministry?"

All materials must be sent to the UUA Ministerial Credentialing Office, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108 and must be received by 5pm on April 15th, 2009.

Scholarships For Incoming First Year Students Only

The Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 1998 by Lorella and Todd Hess in honor of Lorella's father, Reverend Charles Thomas, and his support of Unitarian Universalism and lay leadership. Rev. Thomas is Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Lima, OH, and affiliate minister of the Miami Valley Fellowship in Dayton, OH. The scholarship is awarded to a first-year student who has shown an outstanding commitment to Unitarian Universalism as a lay leader before preparing for ordained ministry.

This scholarship has a separate application process. To apply submit two letters of recommendation, a resume, and a two or three page essay that describes your path to seminary in which you highlight your work as a lay leader in your congregation and larger community to the address below. If you are not a member of a UUA or CUC congregation, at least one recommendation letter must be from an official of your local ICUU member group.

Those who wish to submit a nomination should write a letter of recommendation showing a connection between the individual's ministry and their life goals along with examples of their strong leadership skills and submit to the UUA Ministerial Credentialing Office, Rev. Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship, 25 Beacon Street, Boston MA, 02108. All materials MUST be received by April 2nd, 2009.

Universalist Awards

The Olympia Brown and Max Kapp Award

Awarded to an aspirant or candidate who submits a winning paper, sermon, or other special project on some aspect of Universalism. This award should honor our heritage of Universalism and the St. Lawrence Foundation, the source of a significant portion of our scholarship funds. Eligibility for this award is as the same for financial aid. Typed manuscripts should accompany the scholarship forms and be submitted to the Ministerial Credentialing Office, received no later than 5pm on April 15th, 2009.

The John A. Buehrens Ministerial Scholarships

John A. Buehrens, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association from 1993-2001, has made enormous contributions to the life of this institution and to the Unitarian Universalist movement as a whole. To recognize and honor his work, the UUA has established a permanent fund to support the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of future Unitarian Universalist ministers studying at the Starr King School for the Ministry. One scholarship is for an incoming 1st year student, and the other is for a student entering their second or third year of study. Starr King School for the Ministry administers the selection process.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2009-2010

To be filled out by applicant

Please print clearly or type!

CONFIDENTIAL

Name _____ **Phone ()** _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **State/Province** _____ **Zip** _____

Email _____

Optional: Gender _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Optional: Please describe your cultural, racial or ethnic background _____

UU Congregation _____

Theological School _____

Date entered _____ **Expected date of graduation** _____

(Expected) Date of RSCC interview _____ **RSCC Region** _____

(Expected) Dates of Internship _____ **Location** _____

(Expected) Dates of CPE _____ **Location** _____

Are you legally responsible for the support of other persons based on IRS standards? If so, how many?

What are your plans for ministerial service following the completion of your degree?

Please use the space below to describe any circumstances that will help the UUA Scholarship Committee better understand your financial situation:

Once the scholarships are awarded, if your current address, phone number and email address will be different after May 30, 2008, where should the letter be mailed?

Street Address _____

City _____ **State/Province** _____ **Zip** _____

FINANCIAL AID PLANNING SHEET

<u>ANNUAL INCOME</u>	<i>Self</i>	<i>Other Persons</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Earned Income (After Taxes)	_____	_____	_____
Second job income	_____	_____	_____
Social Security or other benefits	_____	_____	_____
Investment Income	_____	_____	_____
Drawn from Savings	_____	_____	_____
Gifts and Grants Income	_____	_____	_____
Fin. Aid: Scholarships & Grants	_____	_____	_____
Subsidized Federal Direct Loans	_____	_____	_____
Un-Subsidized Federal Direct Loans	_____	_____	_____
Other Income (Attach Explanation)	_____	_____	_____
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>			_____

<u>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Rent	_____
Tuition	_____
Other Education Expenses (Books, fees, etc.)	_____
Savings and/or Investments	_____
Heat	_____
Electricity	_____
Telephone	_____
Cable TV	_____
Internet	_____
Current property, income & other taxes	_____
Food and Household	_____
Home Insurance Premiums	_____
Clothing and personal items	_____
Entertainment & Vacation	_____
Transportation	_____
Car Insurance Premiums	_____
Medical	_____
Health Insurance Premiums	_____
Long Term Care Premiums	_____
Prescriptions (Not covered by Insurance)	_____
Charitable Contributions	_____
Gifts (To Family & Friends)	_____
Other (Attach explain)	_____
Debt Payments	_____

<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>	_____
<u>SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)</u>	_____

NET WORTH

ASSETS

AMOUNT

Savings	_____
Stocks/Bonds/Investments	_____
Pension – Current Total Value	_____
IRA – Current Total Value	_____
Real Estate	_____
Automobile	_____
Other (please explain)	_____

TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES

Outstanding Student Loans	_____
Other Outstanding Loans/Mortgage	_____
Outstanding Taxes Due	_____
Outstanding Medical Bills	_____
Other	_____

TOTAL LIABILITIES

NET WORTH: (ASSETS MINUS LIABILITES)

**FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2009-10
(To be completed by Financial Aid Officer)**

STUDENT'S NAME _____

FROM _____
(Financial Aid Officer)

I recommend the student named above for a financial aid grant from the Unitarian Universalist Association. I affirm the following regarding this student:

____ Student's statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

____ This student is (will be) enrolled full-time in the next academic year.

____ The student is (will be) enrolled part-time and is taking the equivalent of at least four courses for credit in the next academic year, *or* the student is in active standing with the Modified Residency Program at Meadville/Lombard Theological School.

____ The student is maintaining an academic program leading to graduation in _____.

____ The student is in good academic standing at this time.

Any comments you have regarding the student's financial needs or merit will be appreciated:

Signature _____

Position _____

Institution _____ Date _____

Please return this form no later than 5pm on April 15, 2009 to:

Ministerial Credentialing Office
Unitarian Universalist Association
25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FINANCIAL AID GRANTS
RECOMMENDATION LETTER –Faculty Advisor or Faculty Member**

Name of Applicant _____

The person named above is applying for a financial aid grant from the UUA. As a faculty member of the theological school attended by the applicant, the UUA Scholarship Committee requests that you please describe the applicant's academic progress, interests and abilities. Please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant. Please comment on any qualities or circumstances you might consider relevant to our decision-making process. Thank you.

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____

Address _____

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**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FINANCIAL AID GRANTS
RECOMMENDATION LETTER Unitarian Universalist Minister**

Name of Applicant _____

The person named above is applying for a financial aid grant from the UUA to help pay for theological education expenses. In the space below, please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant, and please comment on any qualities or circumstances you might consider relevant to our decision-making process. Thank you.

Name (Please Print) _____

Signature _____

Address _____

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