

MB Scholarship Q&A

The Mennonite Brethren (MB) scholarship package is awarded to traditional undergraduate students who have indicated that they are a member of an MB church or consider an MB church as their home church and most likely attend services regularly. The information below is valid for students who begin attendance at FPU during the academic year of 2009-2010.

How much aid does Fresno Pacific offer to NEW MB students who enroll for the first time during the 2009-2010 academic year?

We are excited to announce that for the 2009-2010 academic year our minimum MB Scholarship package is worth a total of \$8,000 in institutional aid. In order to be considered for this scholarship a student must have been regularly admitted.

This aid program is designed to make sure that all MB applicants are assured of a minimum amount of aid to make our university affordable for almost all MB families. Many of our MB students get more than our minimum package from other combined sources of scholarship funding and, therefore, do not need this grant which targets those whose total aid did not yet reach the minimum level. We are glad we can make such a bold commitment with this program to our sponsoring denomination. This MB scholarship package guarantee for all new MB students is our way of ensuring service to the heritage that founded and continues to guide our mission.

How do I apply for the MB Scholarship?

- Be admitted to FPU with a minimum 3.1 high school GPA if admitted as a freshmen or a minimum 2.4 GPA as a transfer.
- Be admitted into a degree seeking program at FPU.
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year of attendance. The FAFSA is needed for the Financial Aid Office to determine if there is federal and state aid that the student is eligible for. All state and federal grants are considered before the MB Scholarship is added to a financial aid package.
- The Financial Aid Office will automatically award all regularly admitted students MB students who have completed a FAFSA.

There are circumstances in which the aid package will be less than the stated minimum amount. This happens when a student qualifies for a federal or state grant and there is no need after those have been awarded.

Can I get more than \$8,000 in total institutional aid with a MB scholarship as part of a package?

No. If your total institutional aid exceeds the minimum package, we allow our other aid programs to take over and offer you as much money as we can. The minimum aid package is only a minimum, not a maximum. Many of our MB students get more than our minimum package without using our MB scholarship funds.

Is the FPU minimum aid package renewable from year to year?

Yes, the dollar amount of the package given in the 1st year of attendance at FPU will remain the same in subsequent years. We offer our best financial aid package the first year a student attends FPU and increases to that package are made only if the student qualifies for other aid programs not used in previous years. Sometimes our MB students become eligible for other aid programs and they replace some or all of the MB scholarship. At times aid programs may

decline and the demand on our MB Scholarship funding increases in subsequent years, requiring the MB scholarship to increase to maintain funding at the \$8,000 level. The \$8,000 dollar amount is both renewable and a minimum aid package to our MB scholars entering during the 2009-2010 academic year.

Are loans included in the MB Scholarship minimum financial aid package at Fresno Pacific?

No. Loans are not considered part of the MB minimum financial aid package.

If you have any questions about the MB Scholarship Program please feel free to contact the Student Financial Services Office at 559.453.2041 or sfs@fresno.edu