



Canadian Conference

of Mennonite Brethren Churches

Leadership Training Matching Grant (LTMG) Program Information for students

The Leadership Training Matching Grant (LTMG) is funded by CCMBC in partnership with the local church. The purpose of the grant is to: encourage people to enter ministry leadership training; encourage churches to actively discern those with potential for pastoral ministry, cross-cultural ministry, and/or professional Christian service and to remain connected to their students while they study, and; incentivize persistence through to graduation and into ministry.

Eligibility

MB students pursuing seminary or graduate studies:

- Refers to students enrolled in a graduate degree program at a participating MB Biblical Seminary Canada, either at the Langley (ACTS Seminaries) or Winnipeg (Canadian Mennonite University) campuses.
- CCMBC partners with the student's local church, each providing 25% of tuition. Students are responsible for the remaining 50% of tuition.
- LTMG recipients will not be eligible to apply for MB Biblical Seminary Canada General Financial Awards but may be eligible for other endowed bursaries; remaining funds may be applied to living expenses after tuition has been paid.
- CCMBC will rely almost entirely on the collective discernment process of the school and the local church in determining a student's eligibility for LTMG funding.

MB students pursuing undergraduate studies at an MB undergraduate school:

- Refers to students enrolled in a degree program, and who have successfully completed two full years of study, and who are intending to pursue pastoral ministry, cross-cultural ministry, or professional Christian service.
- The LTMG supports students completing their degrees by matching their supporting church's financial support up to \$2,000.
- Future eligibility for LTMG funding towards seminary studies will require a new application and discernment process.
- The LTMG does not limit eligibility for other scholarships; remaining funds may be applied to living expenses after tuition has been paid.
- CCMBC will rely almost entirely on the collective discernment process of the school and the local church in determining a student's eligibility for LTMG funding.

Eligible students must meet the following requirements (some limitations apply):

- Be a member of an MB church in Canada for at least six months prior to the date of the application;

- Be active in volunteer or paid ministry in a local church;
- Be accepted as a degree-seeking student in a participating MB school;
- Achieve a passing grade in all courses funded and maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5;
- Intend to pursue pastoral ministry, cross-cultural ministry, or professional Christian service with the Mennonite Brethren upon graduation;
- Complete a discernment process with local church pastor (undergraduate students); complete a discernment process with local congregation (graduate students).

Requirements for Application

The supporting church is required to:

- Affirm the student through the discernment process as outlined in the application package;
- Publicly acknowledge to the congregation the discernment process and affirm the call to ministry for the student (e.g., announcement, bulletin, newsletter, website);
- Make a commitment to support the student and provide the financial contribution of the church (25%);
- For more details see the LTMG application package.

The student is required to:

- Prepare a personal profile;
- Participate in the discernment process;
- Pay the student's contribution to the tuition fees;
- Submit a complete application package.

For more details see the LTMG application package.

The application process:

This process can begin up to one year prior to beginning enrollment in the school.

1. The student and supporting church review the application details to confirm eligibility.
2. The church and student complete the ministry discernment process.
3. The church and student complete their respective sections of the LTMG application package and the student submits the completed application. Applications will be reviewed and approved once all required documentation has been submitted. Applications will be processed in the order in which they were received. When allocating funds, full-time students will be given preference over part-time students; part-time funding requests are not guaranteed.
4. If the application is approved, the Canadian Conference of MB Churches will send copies of the acceptance letter confirming LTMG approval to the student, their supporting church, and the participating school.

Participating schools:

The following educational institutions are participants in the leadership training matching grant program:

- MB Biblical Seminary Canada (Winnipeg, Manitoba and Langley, British Columbia)
- École de Théologie Évangélique du Québec (ETEQ) (Montreal, Quebec)
- Columbia Bible College (Abbotsford, British Columbia)
- Canadian Mennonite University (CMU) (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

Download the Application Package

For more on information the Leadership Training Matching Grant contact: leadership@mbchurches.ca



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Leadership Training Matching Grant Program (LTMG) Application Form

Section 1

Contact Information

Date of application: _____ Citizenship: _____

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Gender: Male Female

Spouse's name (if married): _____

Street address or box number: _____

Town/City: _____ Province: _____

Postal code: _____ Phone #: _____

Email address: _____ S.I.N.#: _____

Place of employment: _____ Position: _____

Supporting Church Information

Name of supporting church: _____ Phone #: _____

Pastor's name: _____ Email address: _____

Moderator's name: _____ Email address: _____

Church contact (*if different from above*): _____

Church contact email address: _____

School Information

Name of school being attended: _____

Degree: _____



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Leadership Training Matching Grant Program (LTMG) Tuition Funding Details

Section 2

Date of request: _____

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Street address or box number: _____

Town/City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Name of supporting church: _____

Pastor's name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email address: _____

Moderator's name: _____ Email address: _____

Church contact: _____ Email address: _____

(if different from above)

Name of school: _____ Student ID number: _____

Semester and year to which this form applies: _____

Seminary students:

No. of registered credit hours: _____ Tuition cost per cr. hour: _____ Total tuition: _____

Church portion 25% of total tuition \$ _____

Conference portion 25% of total tuition \$ _____

Student portion 50% of total tuition \$ _____

College students:

Church portion max of \$2,000 per year \$ _____

Conference portion max of \$2,000 per year \$ _____

Student portion Balance \$ _____

Section 3

My testimony *(Please attach a typed copy)*

In around 500 words, please describe your experience of conversion, baptism, and understanding of God's call on your life and include the following:

- Significant and formational events and relationships along with an explanation of how these have influenced and shaped you.
- A summary of your current experience of following Jesus Christ.
- Your name, signature, and date.

Section 4

A statement of my career goals and/or ministry objectives *(Please attach a typed copy of approx. 200 words)*

- Describe clearly your intention to pursue a pastoral ministry or a global mission assignment with the Mennonite Brethren upon graduation.
- Include your name, signature, and date.

Section 5

Description of the discernment process *(Please attach a typed copy of approx. 500 words)*

- Undergraduate applicants for LTMG funding should complete a discernment process with their pastor. Graduate students should complete a discernment process with their congregation.
- Please ask your pastor to write a description of the discernment process conducted by your church, including findings regarding your suitability for ministry. The discernment process is outlined in "Finding Leaders for Tomorrow's Churches," a resource tool developed by the Canadian Conference.
- Print and complete the section below:

Candidate's name: _____

Pastor's signature: _____ Date: _____

Discernment process leader's name: _____

Discernment process leader's signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 6

Covenant statement

This statement is a covenant between:

Student's name: _____ ,

Supporting church's name: _____ , and

The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (CCMBC)

A. Student

I understand that if this application is approved, eligibility for funding is conditional upon:

- My being a member of an MB church in Canada for at least six months prior to the date of the application.
- My being active in volunteer or paid ministry in my local church.
- My maintaining an active involvement in an MB church in my location of study.
- My being accepted as a degree-seeking student in a participating MB school.
- My achieving a passing grade in all courses funded and maintaining a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- My submitting to the Canadian Conference:
 - Copies of official course schedules indicating number of credit hours for which I am registered.
 - Copies of unofficial transcripts/course history reports after each semester confirming that courses have been successfully completed.
- The church's continued funding. If the church decides to discontinue funding, it is also the conference's policy to discontinue funding.
- My reimbursing funds to the conference and church should I drop a course.
- The fact that full-time students are given funding preference over part-time students, part-time student funding requests are not guaranteed, and requests will be processed in the order in which they were received.
- My intention, God willing, to pursue a pastoral ministry or a global mission assignment with the Mennonite Brethren upon graduation.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

B. Supporting church

Eligibility

We as leaders have discerned the spiritual gifts and potential for ministry of this student:

_____. We believe God has blessed this individual with ministry gifts and we recommend him/her for the Leadership Training Matching Grant. It is our hope that this grant will help encourage him/her to hone the skills and gifts God has provided him/her and ultimately use those gifts in service in local church ministry, missions, and wherever God leads.

Commitment of Financial Support

Within the parameters of the LTMG program, we as leaders of this church also pledge to pay our portion of tuition according to the formula set out by the LTMG program.

Church's commitment:

Seminary student: degree being pursued: _____

Master of Divinity 3 years Master of Arts 2 years

Comments: _____

College student: *(3rd and 4th year of study at an MB undergraduate school)* max of \$2,000

Comments: _____

Moderator's name: _____ Email address: _____

Moderator's signature: _____ Date: _____

Pastor's name: _____ Email address: _____

Pastor's signature: _____ Date: _____

C. Canadian Conference of MB Churches

The Canadian Conference's commitment of financial support will be confirmed following completion of the LTMG program application and covenant statements. A letter will be provided to the student and to the congregation.