

**INFORMATION ON UUA FINANCIAL AID GRANTS
FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
2007-2008**

Following this memorandum, you will find a Financial Aid Application Form for the 2007-2008 academic year. If you are planning to apply for financial aid from the UUA, please read over the following guidelines and instructions very carefully.

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 from the Ministerial Credentialing Office at <http://www.uua.org/programs/ministry/finances/erbrochure.pdf>

ELIGIBILITY FOR AID:

General scholarship aid will be available to students preparing for ministerial fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association who are attending theological school *at least half-time*, or completing at least four full courses for credit in any one academic year. Field education is considered to be one course.

Full-time students, who are in Aspirant or Candidate status, will be eligible for general financial aid for three years, one of which may be an internship year. Part-time students, who are in Aspirant or Candidate status, may apply for aid for up to five years, one of which may be an internship year. Those applicants who are in Aspirant or Candidate status and are in an internship, even if not a theological student, are also eligible to apply.

Those in Aspirant status have one year of eligibility for financial aid before interviewing with an RSCC. No Aspirant will be eligible for a second or subsequent year of financial aid without having had an RSCC interview. Aspirants who are denied Candidacy status by an RSCC are not eligible for financial aid.

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 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 \$1000 to \$6000. Please review the following page for information about all available scholarships.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- 1) All forms are to be received no later than 5pm April 15, 2007 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 2007-08 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 30, 2007.

UUA NAMED SCHOLARSHIPS

Robert and Martha Atherton Ministerial Scholarship

To provide financial assistance to 1 or 2 promising ministerial students attending Meadville/Lombard who have already proven their capability, and who show the potential for giving a lifetime of proactive and constructive service to others; the applicant would be eligible for the scholarships during the second or third year of education; recognizes that the essence of help towards others comes from being productive; recognizes that a sound family orientation is the foundation for a strong and healthy society; that the applicant is patriotic and has an attitude of friendship and caring toward all humankind; that consideration be given to students in greater need, and to persons of color/from historically marginalized groups to help expand the base of our Unitarian Universalist faith.

John A. Buehrens Ministerial Scholarship

One scholarship to support the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of future Unitarian Universalist ministers. To provide a scholarship grant to a deserving individual studying for the Unitarian Universalist ministry, entering their second and/or third year of study at Starr King School.

Lucille K. and Jerome P. Gallon Scholarship Fund

To increase financial assistance for the education of a professional ministry for UU congregations with an emphasis on preaching.

The Ingeborg Haseltine Scholarship Fund for Women

To provide aid to women who are preparing for the UU ministry.

David Hilliard Eaton Scholarship Fund

To provide scholarships to African-American women studying for the Unitarian Universalist ministry. If such candidates are not available, additional candidates to be considered might include other women of color, then men of color, and finally candidates anticipating a ministry promoting anti-racism and multiculturalism.

Interfaith Spirituality Scholarship Fund

To provide scholarship grants to deserving individuals who are studying for the Unitarian Universalist ministry at Andover Newton Theological School. Students must maintain a B average and show clear appreciation for the importance of music to enhance spiritual growth and development.

David Pohl Scholarship Fund

Established in 1993 by the UUA upon Rev. Dr. David Pohl's retirement as Director of the Department of Ministry. The scholarship is awarded to a promising student.

Roy H. Pollack Scholarship Fund

To fund full or partial one-year scholarships to students at any theological institution approved by the UUA for the training of a UU minister. The student must be a junior or senior and demonstrate financial need and must be involved in extra-curricular affairs at the school.

Von Ogden Vogt Scholarship

Awarded to a ministerial student attending Meadville Lombard Theological School.

Susan M. Jackson Ministerial Scholars Fund

To make annual grants to Unitarian Universalists interested in the role of liberal religion in the world. This scholarship will support the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of Unitarian Universalist ministers, individuals studying for the Unitarian Universalist ministry, and/or non-ministers who are interested in an academic career in Unitarian Universalist theology and discourse.

Eddilera Emozel Kinzer Fund

To help prepare individuals for professional Unitarian Universalist ministry, who have been granted Candidacy status by a Regional Sub-Committee on Candidacy of the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee.

Natalie Gulbrandsen Ministers' International Studies Scholarship Fund

To aid UU Ministers and/or students who wish to study in a developing country or culture. (First award planned for Spring 2006.)

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INCOMING FIRST YEAR STUDENTS ONLY

The Reverend Chuck Thomas Scholarship

To support someone who has shown an outstanding commitment to Unitarian Universalism as a lay leader before preparing for ordained ministry. May be used to support the first year of seminary, or pre-seminary academic work at the undergraduate level.

UNIVERSALIST AWARDS

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 15, 2007. Universalist historians outside the UUA Scholarship Committee judge the award entries.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2007-2008

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?

Once the scholarships are awarded, if your current address, phone number and email address will be different after May 30, 2007, 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>	TOTAL
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)	_____	_____	_____

TOTAL INCOME _____

<u>ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
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<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	_____

TOTAL EXPENSES _____

SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT) _____

NET WORTH

ASSETS

AMOUNT

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

LIABILITIES

Outstanding Student Loans	_____
Other Outstanding Loans/Mortgage	_____
Outstanding Taxes Due	_____
Outstanding Medical Bills	_____
Other	_____
<u>TOTAL LIABILITES</u>	_____

NET WORTH: (ASSETS MINUS LIABILITES) _____

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

**FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2007-08
(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 _____

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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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