

Dear Pastor,

I am writing to you to share about a very exciting program for undergraduate students at Taylor University. As you already know, I have applied to Taylor and am seriously considering if that is where God wants me to pursue my undergraduate education. One of the concerns I have is in financing my education; that is why I am writing you to ask the church to consider partnering with Taylor in a program that can significantly help me attend.

What Taylor offers is a Church Matching Grant Program whereby Taylor will match a church's gift up to \$1,000 per year. This is how the program operates; first the church fills out a form which can be accessed at <http://www.taylor.edu/finaidcmg> and designates that the money will go to any undergraduate student from our church attending Taylor. I am told that usually the church sets a fund up whereby people can contribute through their church offerings on Sunday to the program. Since it is set up through the local church, the monies given to the program are tax deductible. However, in no way is this to be used as a conduit for receiving tax credit or as a means of matching tuition dollars from me, my parents or relatives.

There are certain deadlines that need to be met for the program. The application form, which is called a pledge form, is due March 10th with the payment from the church due by July 1st. When Taylor receives the payment from the church, my account will be credited and Taylor will apply a matching amount up to a limit of \$1,000. What is really exciting for me is to realize that over a four year period, I would receive a total of \$8,000 towards my Taylor tuition costs (\$4,000 from my church and \$4,000 from Taylor's Church Matching Grant Program).

I would be so grateful if the church would consider doing this for me and any other students interested in attending a fine Christian university like Taylor. I am thankful for the amount of time, prayers, and energy that you have invested in me through the time you have known me at church. What also excites me about this program is that it will serve as a huge encouragement to stay connected with our church while away at college.

One of the qualities that draws me to Taylor is the emphasis on accountability. I could envision this program as also helping me to stay accountable to the church by sharing with you when I am home on breaks what God has been teaching me while away at Taylor.

Thank you for allowing me to share this program with you. I trust you will consider partnering with the university in helping me to further my education.

Sincerely,