

■ Student Checklist

- Ask your pastor (or church board chair) if your church would consider a Taylor Matching Grant. This brochure may be helpful in explaining the program.
- Remember that your request for a Church Matching Grant gift will probably need to be approved by a special committee or board, so act early.
- Emphasize to your church that the completed pledge form must be received or submitted online by March 10.
- Remember, that this gift from your church is an expression of love and a vote of confidence in you. In addition to sending a note, think of additional ways to show your gratitude, such as offering to help at the church when you are home for breaks or during the summer.

Church Checklist ■

- Mail or fax the completed pledge form so that it is received at Taylor by March 10 (be sure that the form is properly signed). The form can also be completed online at www.taylor.edu/admissions/undergraduate/tuition-financial-aid/forms-and-documents/church_matching_grant.shtml If you are unable to give an exact amount, please estimate. Be aware that Taylor will NOT match more than the original pledge amount received, so estimate on the generous side.
- Make check payable to Taylor University (not to the student or parents) and include a note with the student's name, address, and Taylor student ID number.
- The gift must reach the Financial Aid Office by July 1. Monies received after July 1 will be applied to the student's account with no match.

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Q. Who's eligible for a matching grant?

A. Any student accepted or enrolled full-time at Taylor.

Q. What amount will Taylor match?

A. Taylor University will match the church's gift up to a maximum of \$500 per semester or \$1000 for a full year.

Q. Can a church contribute more than \$1000?

A. Yes. Churches are encouraged to contribute generously in helping their students, but the maximum match from Taylor University per student is \$500 a semester or \$1000 a year. Any additional amount given by the church will be applied directly to the student's account.

Q. Are students eligible for a Church Matching Grant every year?

A. Yes, provided the pledge form is submitted and the actual gift is received each year by the stated deadlines.

Q. What are the deadlines for the pledge form and church gift?

A. The pledge form for the entire school year must be received by the Financial Aid Office by **March 10**. The church's gift for the entire academic year must be received by July 1. Gifts received after July 1 will be applied to the student's account without a match from Taylor.

Q. Can I access the pledge form on the Web?

A. Yes. You can find the pledge form in the Financial Aid section of the Taylor website: www.taylor.edu/finaid

Q. What if I'm not sure I'm attending Taylor by the March 10th deadline?

A. The money does not need to be received until July 1. Submitting the pledge is not a commitment to attend.

Q. When and where do I send the actual church gift?

A. The church's gift for the entire academic year must reach our office by **July 1**. Gifts received after **July 1** will be applied to the student's account without a match from Taylor. Make checks payable to Taylor University and send to:

Taylor University
Financial Aid Office
236 W. Reade Ave.
Upland, IN 46989
(Include student's name, address, and Taylor student ID number)

Q. Who do I contact if I have questions?

A. **Financial Aid Office**
765.998.5358 (phone)
765.998.4910 (fax)
finaid@taylor.edu (email)

note: The intent of this program is for your church to invest in your college education and therefore make it more affordable for you to attend Taylor. For you, your parents, or your relatives to make a gift to the church and ask that you be the recipient would violate the spirit of this program. In no way is this to be used as a conduit for receiving tax credit or as a means of matching tuition dollars from you, your parents or relatives.

Taylor University

Church Matching Grant Program

Taylor University's Church Matching Grant is a wonderful program designed to help make your college experience more affordable. By participating in this grant, your church can continue their ongoing investment in your future.

The program is simple. Your local church provides a financial gift to Taylor University. That gift is then matched by Taylor (up to \$1000 for a total grant of \$2000) and credited to your account.

There are several advantages of the church-matching program.

- The local home church is able to encourage students by their gift and prayers for the student.
- The student feels a deep appreciation to their home church for the part they are playing in allowing them to go to a Christian college.
- Taylor University is better able to help students financially because of the gift from the church.

Currently almost 140 churches are encouraging their students to attend Taylor University through this unique partnership.



Jesus said,
“The harvest is plentiful,
but the laborers are few.”

The heart of Taylor University education includes the belief that these words of Jesus still reflect the reality of our times. Indeed the harvest is even more plentiful.

Taylor University, then, focuses its efforts on preparing students and graduates who will help ensure the harvest. By supporting Taylor's Church Matching Grant Program, churches help the university do its part in fulfilling the Great Commission. Since its graduates are located in almost 100 countries and involved in all kinds of work and service for Christ, many churches include this Church Matching Grant Program as part of their missions program.

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