



2025-26 CHURCH MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM
(For Undergraduate Students)
MOST COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. *Who's eligible for a matching grant?*

A. Any full-time undergraduate student accepted or enrolled at Taylor University. The dependents of a full-time Taylor employee are not eligible for the Taylor match; the church gift will be applied towards room and board costs.

Q. *What amount will Taylor match?*

A. Taylor University will match the church's gift dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$1,000 per semester or \$2,000 for a full year per student. Dependents of a full time Taylor employee are not eligible for the Taylor match.

Q. *Can a church contribute more than \$2,000?*

A. Yes. Churches are encouraged to contribute generously to help their students, but the maximum match from Taylor University per student is \$1,000 a semester or \$2,000 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, providing the pledge form is submitted and the actual gift is received **each year** by the stated deadlines.

Q. *Can church members, parents, or relatives designate their gifts for particular students?*

A. No, only the church can recommend specific students as recipients. 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 your relatives.**

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

A. For 2025-26, the pledge form must be **received** by the Financial Aid Office by **April 1, 2025**. The church's gift for the entire academic year must be received by the Financial Aid Office by **July 1, 2025**. 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, both a PDF version and online submittal options are available under the Otha Aden Church Matching Grant section of our website at: <https://www.taylor.edu/admissions/tuition-funding/grants>.

Q. *How can I submit the pledge form to Taylor?*

A. Pledge forms can be sent via email to finaid@taylor.edu or through our secure drop box at <https://my.taylor.edu/FinAidSecureDrop>

Q. *What if I'm not sure I'm attending Taylor by the April 1st deadline?*

A. The money does not need to be received until July 1, 2025. Submitting the pledge is not a commitment to attend.

Q. *What if our actual gift does not match the pledge amount?*

A. Taylor University will match the actual gift or pledge amount, whichever is less, up to a maximum of \$1,000 per semester or \$2,000 per year per student. Therefore, you are encouraged to list a generous amount on the pledge form and then send as much as you can for the actual gift.

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, 2025**. Gifts received after July 1 will be applied to the student's account without a match from Taylor. Make check payable to Taylor University and send to:

Taylor University
Financial Aid Office
1846 Main St.
Upland, IN 46989-1001
(include student's name, address, and Taylor student ID number)

Q. *Who do I contact if I have questions?*

A. Contact: Financial Aid Office
(765)998-5358 (phone)
finaid@taylor.edu (email)