

Dear Pastor,

I am writing to you to share about a very exciting program for undergraduate students at Taylor University. As you may 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 \$2,000 per year. This is how the program operates: first, the church fills out a form which can be accessed at <https://www.taylor.edu/tuition-and-funding/grants>, and designates that the money will go to any undergraduate student from our church attending Taylor. Then, I am told that the church usually sets up a fund where people can contribute through their church offerings to the program. Since it is set up through the local church, the money given to the program is tax deductible. However, in no way will this 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 April 1, 2024 with the payment from the church due by July 1, 2024. 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 \$2,000 (\$1,000 per semester). What is really exciting for me is the opportunity to receive a total of \$16,000 over a four-year period toward my Taylor tuition costs (\$8,000 from my church and \$8,000 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, as I would share 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 to help me further my education.

Sincerely,