



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

2024-25

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

A. Any full time undergraduate student accepted or enrolled at Taylor University. 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 in helping 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 2024-25, the pledge form must be received by the Financial Aid Office by April 1, 2024. The church's gift for the entire academic year must be received by the Financial Aid Office by July 1, 2024.** 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 hard copy pledge form on the Taylor website at <https://www.taylor.edu/docs/tuition-financial-aid/24-25-church-matching-grant.pdf>, or you can make your pledge through our online form at http://admissions.taylor.edu/church-matching-grant-pledge?_gl=1*vf2ite*_gcl_au*NjU5MTM3OTA3LjE3MDY2MzI1MDM.

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

A. Pledge forms for full time undergraduate students can be received via email at finaid@taylor.edu

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, 2024. 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, 2024**. 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: Kaleb Cook
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