

## **BIBLE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

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To apply for a Bible scholarship at Ohio Valley University students must provide the following:

- 1) A completed Bible scholarship application form;
- 2) The scholarship essay;
- 3) A personal reference from an elder/minister (for first-time and transfer students only).

Complete applications **SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1** to be applied to the following academic year. Although late applications will be accepted, awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis according to fund availability and are not guaranteed. Students new to OVU must also schedule an interview with the Bible department. This interview may be scheduled during a campus visit or via telephone. Continuing students should check with the Bible department chairman to determine if an interview is required. All applications received will be reviewed by the Bible scholarship committee and applicants will be notified of the status of their award as quickly as possible.

### **DETERMINING BIBLE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

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Applicants must declare their major to be Bible and be pursuing a BA or BS in Bible. Scholarships are also available to vocational ministry majors and students with additional majors at reduced levels. If at any time a recipient declares a major in place of Bible, the Bible scholarship will be forfeited.

- 1) All recipients must be faithful members of a Church of Christ and plan to work in some area of full-time ministry in a Church of Christ upon graduation. Vocational ministry majors should plan to work actively with a Church of Christ.
- 2) New students must have a minimum ACT score of 18 (or the SAT equivalent) and a minimum high school GPA of 2.0. Continuing students and transfer students will need a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.0 and a cumulative Bible course GPA of 2.5. No scholarships will be awarded to students on academic warning or probation.
- 3) Students must have begun the application process to be admitted into the Bible program by the junior year (or second semester for upper level transfer students and students earning a second bachelor's degree). Seniors must be fully admitted to the Bible program.
- 4) Students may apply for a waiver for one semester to attain eligibility. To apply, please submit a detailed letter explaining why a waiver should be granted and what steps will be taken to become fully eligible; then schedule a meeting with the Bible department to discuss your request.

### **SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

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By accepting a scholarship from the Bible department, recipients agree to fulfill the following obligations:

- 1) Bible scholarship recipients are expected to be active in and contribute to the spiritual life on campus. Opportunities for this type of leadership on campus include, but are not limited to, chapel, weekly devotionals, missions club, men's or women's spiritual clubs, Bible major clubs, and preaching by appointment.
- 2) All Bible scholarship recipients must attend Bible major symposiums.
- 3) Bible scholarship recipients are expected to progress toward degree completion in a timely manner. This means that recipients will initially take Bible core courses each semester, take the Introduction to Ministry seminar by the end of the sophomore year, and enroll in a minimum of two Bible courses each semester beginning with the junior year, taking enough Bible courses to complete the degree requirements in no more than five (5) years.

- 4) Bible scholarship recipients are also expected to find a congregation in the area with which to become affiliated. It is beneficial to develop mentoring relationships and to become active in some type of church service. Continuing students are asked to provide the name of a contact person for a local congregation on the continuing student application form. This contact person will be asked to provide feedback regarding recipients' involvement in their congregation.
- 5) Recipients should maintain exemplary personal behavior (see "Personal Behavior of Scholarship Recipients" below).
- 6) Recipients receiving 25%, 50% or 100% tuition scholarships will have additional requirements and will receive those requirements in writing.

## PERSONAL BEHAVIOR OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

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Recipients should be aware of the example that they provide to other Ohio Valley University students and the members of the community at-large. In particular, the School of Biblical Studies is concerned about personal behavior of recipients that:

- 1) Could violate provisions of the "Ohio Valley University Community Responsibilities" that are related to immoral, unethical, or illegal activities (see *student handbook*).
- 2) Could involve illegal activities as defined in the laws of any state or country.
- 3) Could bring reproach on the school of biblical studies and/or Ohio Valley University, including but not limited to: consumption of alcohol; attending bars, dance clubs, or establishments designed to sell and/or trade pornographic materials; and the use of vulgar, obscene, profane, sexually suggestive, or racially offensive language and/or gestures.

If a recipient engages in any behaviors described above, the school of biblical studies reserves the right to alter the terms of the recipient's scholarship award. Alterations may include placing the recipient on probation for a specified period of time, revoking the scholarship in part, or revoking the scholarship in whole.

## AVAILABILITY AND AMOUNTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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Because Bible scholarships are funded primarily by donations, the availability of these funds may vary from year to year. This may affect scholarship amounts. **For this reason, Bible scholarships are for one year only and students are asked to apply each year to determine eligibility and scholarship amounts.** In general, Bible scholarships are given for a maximum of eight semesters.

Scholarships will be awarded according to the following structure:

### BASE SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT *(determined by student academic class standing)*

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Freshman	0-27 credit hours	<b>\$1,000</b>
Sophomore	28-59 credit hours	<b>\$1,100</b>
Junior	60-89 credit hours	<b>\$1,300</b>
Senior	90 + credit hours	<b>\$1,500</b>

Applicants may increase the amount of their scholarship by achieving academically and by taking Hebrew/Greek language courses. Academic reward amounts are:

Cumulative GPA of 2.5 and cumulative Bible course GPA of 3.0 .....	<b>\$75</b>
Cumulative GPA of 2.5 and cumulative Bible course GPA of 3.50 .....	<b>\$150</b>
Cumulative GPA of 2.5 and cumulative Bible course GPA of 4.0 .....	<b>\$225</b>

Other Bible reward amounts:

- 1) Language course award.....**\$200**  
*(awarded per year of biblical language completed)*
- 2) Full Bible program admission award.....**\$300**  
*(awarded beginning the following year after admission has been completed)*