

**INFORMATION ON UUA FINANCIAL AID GRANTS  
FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION  
2012-2013**

The Unitarian Universalist Association has a variety of scholarship sources. Some are general scholarships and others are named scholarships. Financial aid grants are determined by the UUA Scholarship Committee which includes UUA staff, two Unitarian Universalist ministers and the UUA Financial Advisor. In accordance with the UUA Strategic Plan for Professional Ministries, scholarships will be pooled into larger individual amounts and targeted to promising and diverse candidates for our ministries. While an applicant's personal financial circumstances will still be a consideration and requirements for all named scholarships will be honored, scholarship eligibility will be determined primarily on the basis of academic merit and ministerial promise. The amount of the larger scholarships will be determined individually, based upon tuition, related educational expenses and funds available, but generally will be least 50% of base tuition. Last year, the UUA Scholarship Committee awarded over \$250,000.

If you are planning to apply for financial aid from the UUA, please read over the following guidelines and instructions very carefully. It is your responsibility to make sure that all forms and letters of reference are into the Ministerial Credentialing Office by the deadline, **which is no later than 5pm, Friday April 13th, 2012.**

We do not have the capacity to track missing or incomplete materials. Every year, some applicants are disappointed to learn that they are denied a scholarship due to an incomplete application. For more information, please contact Ms. Christine May in the Ministerial Credentialing Office at (617) 948-6403, or at [cmay@uua.org](mailto:cmay@uua.org) with any questions about the status of your application.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

The cost of preparing for the Unitarian Universalist ministry is high. The UUA is committed to trying to find ways to help alleviate the pressure through scholarship aid, debt-retirement assistance, counseling, and support for adequate ministerial salaries. The wisest strategy includes avoiding the incurrence of student loan to the extent this is possible.

If you have further questions, please contact the financial aid officer at your school or call the Ministerial Credentialing Office. The Economic Realities of the Unitarian Universalist Ministry has information on the costs of becoming a UU minister, and the average salary range for new ministers. A copy is available at <http://www.uua.org/programs/ministry/finances/erbrouchure.pdf>.

**ELIGIBILITY FOR AID:**

To be eligible to apply for UUA financial aid grants, all applicants must be in aspirant or candidate status. Those in aspirant status have one year of eligibility for financial aid prior to arranging an interview with an RSCC. Only those in candidate status will be eligible for larger grants and the UUA Scholarship Committee will have access to your RSCC letter. Full-time and part-time students are eligible to apply.

Those serving an internship are eligible to apply, even if they will not be enrolled in theological school during the internship. Interns in congregations funded by an Internship Stipend Grant may have their financial aid award adjusted. Aspirants who have been denied candidate status are not eligible for financial aid. Notification of financial aid awards will occur by May 30th, 2012.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

- 1) All forms and all supporting materials, including letters of recommendation are to be received no later than **5pm, Friday April 13th, 2012** and sent to the Ministerial Credentialing Office, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108. (Please note the March 30<sup>th</sup> 2012 deadline for the Rev. Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship, described below.)
- 2) All applications **MUST** be complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- 3) Please complete a 3 to 4 page essay answering the following question. "What do you believe is the most pressing social justice concern you have encountered, how do you plan to engage this concern in your future ministry, and how does your social location inform this vision?"
- 4) Have your financial aid officer fill out the Financial Aid Application 2012-2013 form.
- 5) Have a Unitarian Universalist minister in final fellowship (but not a faculty member from your theological school) fill out a recommendation letter form.
- 6) Have your faculty advisor or other faculty member fill out a recommendation letter form.
- 7) Except for Canadians, and those who are in internship, but not students, please submit a Student Aid Report containing a calculation of the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) obtainable from one's theological school upon completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) forms available on the web (<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>) or from the U.S. Department of Education.

*Applicants for financial aid are automatically considered for most of the UUA's named scholarships. Please refer to the addendum for more information. Additional application materials are only required for the scholarships described below.*

### **The Olympia Brown and Max Kapp Award**

This award is given to an aspirant or candidate who submits a paper, sermon, or other special project on some aspect of Universalism, and should honor our Universalist heritage and the St. Lawrence Foundation, the source of a significant portion of our scholarship funds. Eligibility for this award is as the same for financial aid. Typed manuscripts should accompany the financial aid forms and be submitted to the Ministerial Credentialing Office by 5pm Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

### **Scholarship For Incoming First Year Seminarians Only**

#### **The Rev. Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 1998 by Lorella and Todd Hess in honor of Lorella's father, the Rev. Charles Thomas, and his support of Unitarian Universalism and lay leadership. Rev. Thomas is the Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church in Lima, OH, and an affiliate minister of the Miami Valley Fellowship in Dayton, OH. The scholarship is awarded to a first-year student who has shown an outstanding commitment to Unitarian Universalism as a lay leader before preparing for ordained ministry.

*To apply, please submit two letters of recommendation, a resume, and a two or three page essay that describes your path to seminary in which you highlight your work as a lay leader in your congregation and larger community to the address below. If you are not a member of a UUA or CUC congregation, at least one recommendation letter must be from an official of your local ICUU member group.*

*Those who wish to submit a nomination should write a letter of recommendation showing a connection between the individual's ministry and their life goals along with examples of their strong leadership skills and submit to the UUA Ministerial Credentialing Office, Rev. Chuck and Nancy Thomas Scholarship, 25 Beacon Street, Boston MA, 02108. **All materials MUST be received by 5pm Friday, March 30th, 2012.***

**FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2012-2013**  
**Please print clearly or type!**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address on May 30, 2012** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Province** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional: Gender** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_

**Optional: Please describe your cultural, racial or ethnic background:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current UU Congregation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Theological School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date entered** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expected date of graduation** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Scheduled) Date of RSCC interview** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Expected) Dates of Internship** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Expected) Dates of CPE** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location** \_\_\_\_\_

Based on IRS standards, are you legally responsible for other persons? If so, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

What are your plans for ministry following the granting of preliminary fellowship?

Please describe in depth any circumstances that will help the UUA Scholarship Committee better understand your financial situation to render a decision.

## ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES

<b>Annual Income</b>	<b>Self</b>	<b>Other Persons</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Primary job income (gross before taxes and other withholding)			
Other job income (gross)			
Social Security or other benefits			
Financial Aid: scholarships and grants (do not include anticipated UUA grants)			
Other gifts and grants			
Subsidized Federal Direct Loans			
Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loans			
Other income (please attach explanation)			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>			

<b>Annual Household Expenses</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mortgage <input type="checkbox"/> Rent	
Tuition	
Other education expenses (books, fees, etc.)	
Electricity, gas, oil, water, other utilities	
Telephone, cable, internet	
Income and Social Security taxes	
Property and other taxes	
Food and household expenses	
Insurance premiums:	
Automobile	
Home	
Medical and dental	
Long term care	
Clothing and personal items	
Entertainment and vacation	
Medical expenses not covered by insurance:	
Hospitals, doctors, and other care providers	
Prescriptions	
Charitable contributions	
Gifts to family and friends	
Student loan and other debt payments	
Transportation	
Other expenses (please attach explanation)	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	

<b>ANNUAL SURPLUS OR (DEFICIT)</b>	
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## NET WORTH

### ASSETS

Checking, savings, money market accounts	
Stocks, bonds, other investments	
Pension (current total value)	
IRA, 401k, or other retirement funds (current total value)	
Primary residence (total current value)	
Other real estate	
Automobile	
Other assets (please attach explanation)	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	

### LIABILITIES

Student loan debt	
Mortgage loan debt	
Automobile loan debt	
Other loan debt	
Taxes due	
Medical bills due	
Other liabilities (please attach explanation)	
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	

<b>NET WORTH</b> (assets minus liabilities)	
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**FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION 2012-13  
(To be completed by Financial Aid Officer)**

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

FROM \_\_\_\_\_  
(Financial Aid Officer)

I recommend the student named above for a financial aid grant from the Unitarian Universalist Association. I affirm the following regarding this student:

\_\_\_\_\_ Student's statements made on this application are true to the best of my knowledge.

\_\_\_\_\_ This student is (will be) enrolled full-time in the upcoming academic year.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is (will be) enrolled part-time and is taking the equivalent of at least four courses for credit in the upcoming academic year.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is maintaining an academic program leading to graduation in \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ The student is in good academic standing at this time.

Please estimate the tuition costs for this student for the upcoming academic year, and feel free to add any additional comments regarding the student's financial circumstances that you feel the UUA Scholarship Committee should taken into consideration.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form no later than 5pm on Friday April 13th, 2012 to:**

Ministerial Credentialing Office  
Unitarian Universalist Association  
25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FINANCIAL AID GRANTS  
RECOMMENDATION LETTER –Faculty Advisor or Faculty Member**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

The person named above is applying for a financial aid grant from the UUA. The UUA Scholarship Committee requests that you please describe the applicant's academic progress, interests, abilities and overall ministerial promise.

Please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known this applicant and also comment on any qualities or circumstances you might consider relevant to our decision-making process. Thank you!

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FINANCIAL AID GRANTS  
RECOMMENDATION LETTER Unitarian Universalist Minister**

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

The person named above is applying for a financial aid grant from the UUA to help pay for theological education expenses. In the space below, please indicate how long and in what capacity you have known the applicant, and please comment on any qualities or circumstances you might consider relevant to our decision-making process. The UUA Scholarship Committee is looking for evidence of strong ministerial promise. Thank you!

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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## **UUA Named Scholarships**

### **The Martha and Robert Atherton Ministerial Scholarship**

Established in 1997, this scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to promising ministerial students in their 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year of seminary who have already proven their capabilities. This scholarship is awarded to individuals who respect hard work as a foundation of a full life and appreciate the freedom, political system, and philosophical underpinnings of our country. Dedicated Unitarian Universalists Martha and Robert Atherton established this scholarship through their generous contributions.

### **The David Eaton Scholarship**

Maurine Mulliner, a long-time member of All Soul's Church in Washington DC, made an estate gift to affirm Rev. David Eaton's vision of a community dedicated to strengthening hope, justice and balance, and creating an anti-racist, multi-cultural religious organization and country. This scholarship is awarded to women from a historically marginalized group who share the same vision as Rev. David Eaton.

### **Lucille K. and Jerome P. Gallon Scholarship Fund**

The Lucille K. and Jerome P. Gallon Scholarship fund was created to support promising candidates for Unitarian Universalist ministry. This scholarship is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated strong preaching skills during their path to ministry.

### **The Ingeborg Haseltine Scholarship Fund**

Ingeborg Haseltine made a gift from her estate to establish a permanent scholarship and aid fund to support the education of women pursuing a career in the Unitarian Universalist ministry.

### **Interfaith Spirituality Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous. The purpose is to support candidates who have demonstrated an interest in and are prepared to integrate interfaith understanding into their ministry, and have a commitment to guiding others on their own spiritual paths.

### **The Susan M. Jackson Ministerial Scholars Fund**

Susan M. Jackson's children established this fund on Ms. Jackson's 85th birthday to honor her commitment and dedication to Unitarian Universalism. This scholarship is awarded to recipients who share with the wider world their enthusiasm about UU ideas and conclusions, drawn from their faith, which influence their lives.

### **The David Pohl Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations upon Rev. Pohl's retirement as UUA Director of Ministry in 1993. It supports the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of individuals studying for UU ministry.

### **The Roy H. Pollack Scholarship**

The Roy H. Pollack Scholarship was created in 1998 to support second- or third-year students who have strong academic records and are promising candidates for the UU ministry.

### **The Rhys Williams Ministerial Scholarship**

This scholarship honors the legacy of the Rev. Rhys Williams and supports students enrolled in a Master of Divinity degree program leading to fellowship as a Unitarian Universalist minister.

**The Von Ogden Vogt Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in 2001 by Ogden and Carolyn Vogt to honor Carolyn's father the Rev. Dr. Von Ogden Vogt and his dedication and commitment to Unitarian Universalism. Scholarships are given to support the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of future Unitarian Universalist ministers who attend Meadville Lombard Theological School.

**The John A. Buehrens Ministerial Scholarship**

The Rev. Dr. John A. Buehrens, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association from 1993-2001, has made enormous contributions to the life of this institution and to the Unitarian Universalist movement as a whole. To recognize and honor his work, the UUA has established a permanent fund to support the intellectual, spiritual, and professional development of future Unitarian Universalist ministers studying at the Starr King School for the Ministry. One scholarship is for an incoming 1<sup>st</sup> year student, and the other is for a student entering their second or third year of study.

*Please note that the Starr King School for the Ministry administers the selection process for the John A. Buehrens Ministerial Scholarship.*

**The President William G. Sinkford Scholarship**

The Unitarian Universalist Association established the President William G. Sinkford Fund in 2008, during the last year of Rev. Sinkford's UUA Presidency. Having begun his service in June 2001, Rev. Sinkford left the Association with many profound and lasting gifts including the innovative Diversity of Ministry Initiative and support for lay theological education and ministerial development programs. To honor his legacy in the years to come, the Sinkford Fund will further Rev. Sinkford's visions by providing scholarships for promising and passionate students preparing for Unitarian Universalist ministry. Scholarships are designed for those in candidate status who identify as people of color, Latino/a, Hispanic, and multiracial.

Finally, to contribute to efforts to make more UUA Scholarship Funds available for promising UU seminarians, please contact Ms. Katrina Bergmann in Stewardship and Development at (617) 948-4662, or at [kbergmann@uua.org](mailto:kbergmann@uua.org).