



# The Matching Scholarship Program

*Supporting and guiding students in their efforts to raise financial support through scholarships, grants, and gifts*

## Overview

Iliff's Matching Scholarship Program provides direct assistance to students who are willing to actively fundraise for expenses related to their own education.

For the 2017-2018 academic year, students may receive up to \$4,500 in matching funds.

Specific program requirements include:

- Completing **one-on-one coaching** regarding the availability of matching funds, guidelines and restrictions about funding sources, and effective approaches to fundraising.
- Submission of a short **Fundraising Plan** indicating how the student plans to approach potential funding sources.
- Intentional, personal efforts toward identifying potential **funding sources**, and approaching those sources regarding financial support.

Some restrictions apply in terms of sources. For example, funds may be received (but not matched) from: employers; partners, spouses, and family members; Iliff staff, faculty & trustees; and other students. Sources which require applications by the student are generally eligible for matching funds.

For additional information, and to see any updates to the program, visit [iliff.bloomfire.com](http://iliff.bloomfire.com), and search for *matching scholarship program*.

## How You Can Help

Friends, colleagues, and churches (or other organizations) can provide support for students by:

- Becoming **active partners** with them as they progress toward their educational goals, helping them to discern their ministry or leadership path.
- Directly providing **financial support** through grants, scholarships, or gifts, or helping with fundraising events. Qualifying funding sources range from large (i.e. denominational scholarship or grant programs) to small (individual donors), and everything in between.
- Assisting students as they seek to discover **other potential funding sources** which might not be immediately clear, including philanthropic organizations or individuals who might support the future leadership goals of the student.
- Helping potential sources **understand the sacrifices** being made by students pursuing graduate education for ministry or nonprofit leadership, and the challenges of repaying burdensome student debt on limited future salaries.
- Helping students **understand the realities of future income** in their ministry work.

## For More Information

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