



MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Program Description

Iliff's Matching Scholarship Program is an important component of Iliff's commitment to reducing student debt. Whether your intention is to lead in a nonprofit organization, congregation, or other context, financial literacy and skills are critical. Financial resiliency entails managing finances, cultivating donors, and developing philanthropic vision, along with having a personal orientation towards finances that is healthy and sustainable.

In light of this institutional value, Iliff has developed a *Matching Scholarship Program* that seeks to foster these skills and values. This program makes up a significant portion of our Institutional aid and we encourage all students to seriously engage in this innovative program.

How it works:

- Iliff will match fundraising scholarship funds up to \$4,000 for the 2016-2017 academic year.
- Scholarship funds from outside organizations may be matched up to the annual limit providing that the student was involved in advocating on their own behalf to gain such funds.
- Funds may be provided by a church, diocese, synod, presbytery, denominational headquarters, annual conference, synagogue, temple, non-profit organization, or other related organizations or businesses (see restrictions).
- Iliff will match from individual donors (see restrictions).
- Students will utilize self-advocacy fundraising skills. Examples of self-advocacy include applying to scholarships with significant application and selection process and/or approaching an organization to directly advocate for financial support.

How to qualify:

- Prior to receiving matching funds, students must opt in annually by meeting with the Iliff Fundraising Coach each academic year.
- Students must have a fundraising plan on file with the Fundraising Coach.
- Students may be degree-seeking, non-degree, certificate, full or part time (4 credit hours minimum).
- Students must remain in good academic standing according to Federal and institutional guidelines (refer to Master's Student Handbook).

Funds from organizations, non-profits, congregations, etc.

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Checks must be made out to:
Iliff School of Theology
2323 E. Iliff Ave, Denver, CO 80210
Attention: Financial Aid Office.

Funds from individual donors

- Funds may be provided by individual donors
Not tax deductible (inform your donors!)
- Checks must be made out to:
Iliff School of Theology
2323 E. Iliff Ave, Denver, CO 80210
Attention: Financial Aid Office.
- Your name must be included in the memo of the check from your donor.

Restrictions

- Funds from scholarships in which Iliff has nominated the student, will not be matched. This includes Iliff institutional scholarships and non-Iliff scholarships.
- Employee educational reimbursement programs and funds tied to work performed in an internship or other employment situation will not be matched.
- Funds will not be matched from current Iliff students, staff, faculty, and Board of Trustees.
- Funds will not be matched from spouses/partners.
- Funds will not be matched by anonymous donors.
- Crowdsourced funding (i.e. "GoFundMe") will not be matched after December 31, 2016, and will only be matched through that date for accounts started prior to the end of the 2015-2016 academic year.
- Matching scholarship funds will be discontinued should a student drop below half-time status or withdraws from Iliff.



Important!

Matching Funds from Iliff are disbursed in full during the term the funds are received. Students must contact the Financial Aid Office (in writing) if they wish to have the Matching funds divided among quarters.

Get started today!

Make an appointment with Fundraising Coach, Tom Barlow tbarlow@iliff.edu

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