

DISASTER MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP Application

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DISASTER MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES

HISTORY OF THE FUND

This fund was established to help students who are interested in serving others, by offering, depending on the number of applicants, up to \$5,000 per year to qualified students. Kevin King, executive director of Mennonite Disaster Service, initiated discussions with Hesston College in May of 2004, asking Hesston College to consider developing a leadership program for MDS. MDS and other faith-based agencies recognized the need for trained leadership in managing disaster response. As a result, a new Disaster Management Program was begun at Hesston College in August of 2005.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FUND

The fund is established through gifts from individuals and businesses that are interested in assisting students with the desire to help others in need.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

Income received for this fund shall be sent to Hesston College or MDS and clearly designated as money for the Disaster Management Scholarship Fund. Additions to the fund may be made at any time.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

The program director will select recipients according to the following guidelines, which are subject to yearly review:

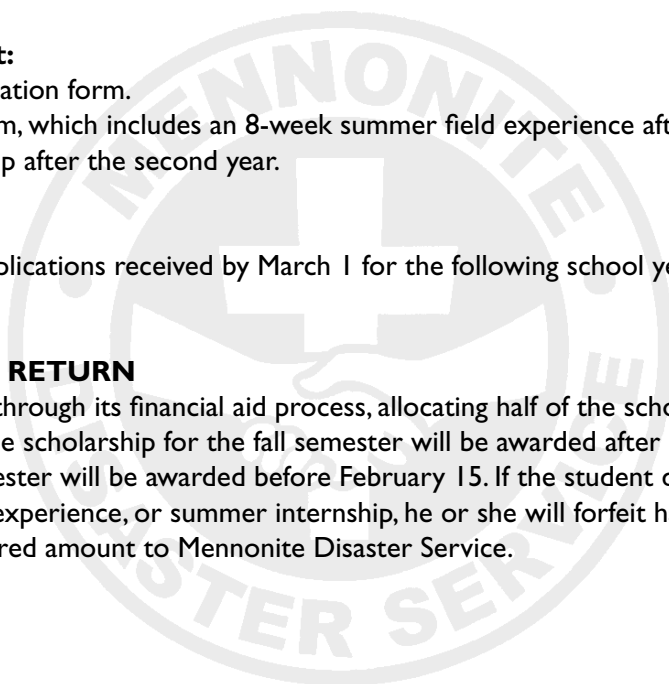
Prospective scholarship recipients must:

1. complete the Disaster Management Application form.
2. enroll in the Disaster Management Program, which includes an 8-week summer field experience after the first year, and a 10-week summer internship after the second year.
3. establish a financial need.

The program director will give priority to applications received by March 1 for the following school year.

SCHOLARSHIP DISTRIBUTION AND RETURN

The college will distribute scholarship funds through its financial aid process, allocating half of the scholarship to the financial aid package each semester. The scholarship for the fall semester will be awarded after November 1 and the scholarship for the spring semester will be awarded before February 15. If the student does not complete the spring semester, summer field experience, or summer internship, he or she will forfeit half of the scholarship. The student will return the required amount to Mennonite Disaster Service.



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The following questions are designed to help the Disaster Management Director and a Mennonite Disaster Service representative become better acquainted with you. Please answer them on a separate sheet of paper. Your responses will be held in confidence.

Personal History

1. Briefly describe your family situation from childhood to present (siblings, rural/urban, single/married, children, etc.). In addition, describe any turning points, happenings, or people who shaped your life until now, including a brief faith biography/journey.
2. List previous service or mission assignments/involvements (including youth group work day, vacation Bible school, church children's clubs). How long did you serve? What kind of service did you perform? Describe the area where you served, and the culture of the people you served. What was your specific role (team member, leader, cook, etc.)?

Declaration of Interest in the Disaster Management Program

3. How did you develop an interest in disaster relief and recovery studies and service? What are your goals beyond this degree?
4. Are you an active member of a congregation? Which one? Is there a specific person in the church (or elsewhere in your life) who has encouraged you to pursue the Disaster Management program?
5. What skills, hobbies, and/or interests do you bring to this program that make you a good candidate for Disaster Management service work?

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6. In order to be considered for the Disaster Management Scholarship, you must be accepted as a Hesston College student (via the standard application) and be accepted into the Disaster Management program (filling out this application form and response sheet). Assuming both of those to be affirmative, please state your request for this scholarship and your financial plan/needs for the coming year. Please include other scholarships, grants, or family/personal funds that you have available. If you do not receive this scholarship, how would it affect your plans to enter the Disaster Management program this fall?
7. On the other side of this form, list names, addresses, and phone numbers of two adults, such as teachers, pastors, employers, or people who have supervised you in service work. Please make sure these references are different from the references you used for your Hesston College Application for Admission. If you did not include your pastor as one of your references on the Hesston College application form, please include your pastor as one of the two references on the other side of this form

References for Application

■ Name _____

Street address _____

City _____

State or Province/ZIP code _____

Phone number (indicate home or work) _____

■ Name _____

Street address _____

City _____

State or Province/Zip code _____

Phone number (indicate home or work) _____

Name of applicant (printed) _____

Street address _____

City _____

State or Province/Zip code _____

Phone number (indicate home or mobile) _____

I have completed the application form, the response sheet, and have read the scholarship fund and the summer field experience/internship guidelines. I agree to follow these guidelines.

Applicant's signature _____

Date _____

Please attach the response sheet to this form and mail it to:

*Russ Gaeddert
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Hesston College
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