

GORDON CONWELL

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

TEAM MINISTRY GRANT 2017-2018 *HAMILTON CAMPUS*

General Information

The Team Ministry Grant is a need-based scholarship available to qualified married couples who will be enrolling as full-time degree students (7 credit hours or more) and who are called to pursue seminary studies together. Applicants will be ranked based on need with the available funds awarded to those demonstrating the greatest need. The scholarship is only awarded to incoming students and is not available once either of you have matriculated. **For a married couple who are awarded the Team Ministry, the Team Ministry Grant will cover 50% of the tuition for one student.**

The scholarship is available to:

- New students – neither student has matriculated at a Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary campus.
- Returning students who are recipients and desire to renew the scholarship.

The award is for one academic year and is subject to the availability of funds. The scholarship is renewable and the couple must reapply for financial aid each year and request scholarship consideration on the application. Since this is a need-based scholarship, applicants must demonstrate need by completing the Gordon-Conwell financial aid forms including the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) if a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. **Reminder:** Only a limited number of grants will be awarded.

International Applicants: F-1 visa couples requesting such assistance are not required to complete the financial aid forms or the FAFSA. In place of these forms, send a letter to the attention of the Director of Financial Aid requesting consideration for the Team Ministry Grant. In the letter indicate (1) degrees for which you and your spouse have been accepted; (2) your enrollment plans (number of courses each semester); (3) how you perceive you will use your training in ministry as a couple.

The funds will cover only the courses required in your degree program. The scholarship funds cannot be applied to courses taken beyond the degree requirements or for a second degree. If a scholarship recipient drops a course after the refund date or receives a failing grade for a course, the course in question will count towards the total number of courses eligible under the scholarship. Both students must maintain satisfactory academic progress in order to remain in the scholarship program. A student placed on academic probation for one semester will be allowed to participate in the program for only one additional semester. However, if one or both students are placed on academic probation for a consecutive semester, then the scholarship will be revoked.

The award will be credited to the designated account. Any semester in which the eligible couple is enrolled full time, only the larger of the two tuition bills must be paid. The second tuition will receive the discount.

For example, if one spouse enrolls for 9 credit hours and the other for 12 credit hours in a semester, the 50% scholarship will be applied to the 9 credit hours. If one or both of the students fail to maintain the minimum enrollment requirement for a given semester, they forfeit the scholarship for that semester.

Eligibility

To be eligible for scholarship consideration you must:

1. Be a married couple and both formally admitted to a degree program with plans to enroll in campus classes. Students beginning their programs through the Semlink program are not eligible while paying the reduced Semlink tuition.
2. Intend to register as full-time students each semester.
3. Demonstrate financial need by completing the financial aid application – the FAFSA and the GCTS application

How to Apply

To request scholarship consideration, each student must complete and submit:

1. The 2017-2018 Gordon-Conwell Financial Aid Application.
2. The 2017-2018 “Free Application for Federal Student Aid” (FAFSA)
3. International students submit a letter requesting consideration in place of #1 and #2. The requirements for the letter are described above.
4. Submit a Team Ministry Agreement/application form signed by both spouses.