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Introduction – Gordon-Conwell maintains both need-based and merit-based programs of financial assistance. The Financial Aid Office is also called upon to make recommendations to several outside funding sources and organizations. Therefore, it is suggested that you complete a financial aid application if you will need to access Gordon-Conwell’s or any other need-based assistance program, including loans and campus employment.

Kinds of Aid – Three principal forms of aid are available at Gordon-Conwell. One is the grant and/or scholarship awarded to students in financial need and carries no repayment obligation. Full-time students (7.5 semester hours or more) are eligible for this assistance. The second is the educational loan, with repayment of principal beginning after you leave school or drop to less than half-time status (<4.5 credits). The interest on educational Direct Unsubsidized loans may either be paid monthly while in school or you may choose to let the interest accumulate on top of the principal owed. The third form of aid is part-time employment on campus. Any student is able to seek employment on campus. (The majority of students find it necessary to work part-time in order to meet their educational costs.)

Application Procedures – No action will be taken on an application until all requested information has been received by the Financial Aid Office and the student has been accepted for admission. Applications that become complete after stated filing dates will be reviewed and awards made as funds permit. The following steps should be followed to apply for financial aid.

STEP 1

☐ Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov for the academic year 2013-14. If you completed a FAFSA previously, you were supplied with a personal identification number (PIN) by the U.S. Department of Education, allowing you to access a Renewal FAFSA on the web. Refer to the brochure “FAFSA Tips” for the information you need to complete the FAFSA electronically or to obtain a PIN.

☐ Print a copy of the “FAFSA on the Web Worksheet” from Section 1 of the FAFSA on the web home page at www.fafsa.ed.gov to guide you in gathering all of the required information. The worksheet replaces the need for the paper FAFSA booklet.

If it is necessary for you to file the paper FAFSA because you cannot access the web, you can obtain the paper form by calling the U.S. Department of Education at (800) 433-3243.

Hamilton campus code – G09747  Attendees at Charlotte or Jacksonville campus code – E00722

______ date FAFSA completed

STEP 2

☐ Complete the 2012-2013 GORDON-CONWELL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

______ date completed
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Financial Aid Decision – You will receive a Financial Aid Award sent via email once the FAFSA and GCTS form are submitted and the information has been reviewed (provided you are accepted for Admission) beginning the end of May and on a rolling basis thereafter. The award decision may offer an aid package, a combination of grant/scholarships, loans and federal work-study eligibility, or the decision may deny aid if the calculations show you have the necessary resources available to meet the standard expenses.

Appeal Process – If you feel the financial aid decision does not accurately reflect your need, you may request another review. Your request must be in writing and should clearly state your reasons for the appeal. An appeal does not guarantee additional assistance. Appeals are not reviewed until well after the semester begins. Therefore, your educational plans should be made on the basis of the original decision.

Grant/Scholarship Requirements – To be eligible for Gordon-Conwell grant or scholarship assistance, you must be enrolled a minimum of 7.5 semester hours. If fewer classes are needed to complete your degree, a waiver form can be submitted for consideration. Recipients of any funds must be making satisfactory progress, maintaining the minimum grade point average and enrolled in a degree program. NOTE: Financial aid funds will only cover the courses required in your degree program. Courses taken beyond the degree requirements or as a special student cannot be considered for financial aid, including federal student loan funds.

Renewal of Aid – Your financial aid award and eligibility is valid for one academic year only, beginning with Summer III 2013 through Summer II 2014. Recipients must reapply each year in February.

Educational Loan Deferment Forms – Deferment requests for loans taken at other institutions are processed by the Registration Office. It is the responsibility of the student to request the necessary forms from the previous lending institution. Review your loan form for the specific requirements for deferment of payment.

DATES AND DEADLINES

Financial aid is awarded on a “rolling basis” until all funds are allocated. However, having the application completed by the stated PRIORITY DEADLINE ensures consideration for the maximum number of financial aid options.

NEW STUDENTS (entering Fall 2013)

April 15   Priority deadline for completed application. Applications received after this date will be processed in the order they are received.

July 22    Suggested date for submitting the completed Award Acceptance Statement from the Financial Aid award and complete the Direct Loan MPN and Entrance Counseling online at www.studentloans.gov to ensure the availability of loan proceeds for first semester billing. Loan disbursements are posted to student accounts two weeks after classes begin.

RETURNING STUDENTS (currently or previously enrolled)

May 1      Priority deadline for completed application for first review. Applications received after this date will be processed in the order they are received.

July 22    Suggested date for submitting the completed Award Acceptance Statement from the Financial Aid award and, if not already done, complete the Direct Loan MPN and Entrance Counseling online at www.studentloans.gov to ensure the availability of loan proceeds for first semester billing.

ATTENDING SPRING SEMESTER 2014 ONLY (new and returning students)

December 2 Priority deadline for completed application. Applications received after this date will be processed in the order they are received.

December 16 Suggested date for submitting the completed Stafford loan application to the Financial Aid Office to ensure the availability of loan proceeds for first semester billing.
1. Your name _____________________________________________________________
   Last     First     Box #     Social Security #     ID # (if known)

2. Your permanent mailing address ___________________________________________
   Number, Street, and Apartment Number City State Zip Code

3. Address for award letter _________________________________________________
   Number, Street, and Apartment Number City State Zip Code

4. E-mail address __________________________________________________________

5. I am attending the South Hamilton campus as a:
   □ new student   □ returning student
   □ SEMLINK only   □ visiting student

6. Your degree objective at Gordon-Conwell:
   □ MDIV □ MA □ ThM □ SPEC

7. Year in which you expect to complete your degree:
   □ 2013 Month ___ □ 2014 Month ___
   □ 2015 Month ___ □ 2016 Month ___
   □ 2017 Month ___ □ Other: Mo/Yr ___

8. Vocational goal __________________________________________________________

9. Denomination ____________________________________________________________

10. NUMBER OF COURSES you plan to take each semester. This info is needed to determine financial aid eligibility. (Specify # of courses, not credits, in each semester.)
   ___ Summer II '13   ___ Summer I '14
   ___ Fall '13   ___ Spring '14
   ___ January '14   ___ Summer II '14

11. a. Do you plan to renew the Graham/Trustee/Partnership or Merit Scholarship received in 2012-13? (Returning students only)
   □ Yes   □ No
   □ Gordon-Conwell Need-based aid (not eligible if receiving any other GCTS grant or scholarship)
   □ Team Ministry Grant
   □ Loans
   □ Federal Work Study

12. Your actual or anticipated date of marriage: (if applicable)
   Month Day Year
   (Married students and students anticipating marriage before July 1 should complete 13-21 below. All other students should skip to 22.)

13. Spouse’s name _________________________________________________________
   Last     First

14. Spouse’s occupation _____________________________________________________
    Employer

15. a. Will your spouse be a student in 2013-2014? □ Yes, full time □ Yes, at least half time □ No
   b. If yes, spouse’s academic status in 2013-2014: □ Undergraduate □ Graduate/professional
   c. Name of institution ____________________________________________________
   d. Tuition and fees $_______________________________________________________
   e. Will spouse apply for financial aid for 2013-2014? □ Yes □ No

16. 2013 income earned from work (estimated gross income) $_________ student
    $_________ spouse

17. 2013 other taxable income $_________

18. 2013 untaxed income and benefits $_________
**PART D – INDEBTEDNESS**

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**PART E – STUDENT’S RESOURCES AND STATUS**

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**PART F – GRANT/ SCHOLARSHIP STATEMENT**

**TITLE IV PAYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

I understand that with this application I give authorization to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary to apply my Title IV Federal Financial Aid proceeds to pay for all current charges billed to my student account. These may include, but are not limited to all applicable tuition, fees and book charges. If student loan funds I receive create a credit balance on my account, I give Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary permission to hold those funds for the current financial aid award year for upcoming terms or semesters, unless I specifically request a refund of excess funds for other educational related expenses. I understand that if a credit balance should exist on my account at the end of the financial aid award year, those funds will be released to me, unless otherwise specified.

**CERTIFICATION**

If accepted for Admission to Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and if I decide to attend, I hereby acknowledge that I will be subject to the academic and social rules, regulations, and policies of the Seminary, as well as local, state and federal laws. I certify that, as of the date I sign this statement, all the information supplied to the Student Financial Services office is correct and true to the best of my knowledge. I will contact Student Financial Services should any changes occur. I will use all Title IV money received only for expenses related to my study at GCTS. I understand that my financial aid is based upon anticipated enrollment I supplied to the GCTS. Should I change my enrollment throughout the year, I understand that my financial aid award amounts may be impacted and may result in me owing GCTS for charges not covered by financial aid.

All of the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked, I agree to give proof of the information I have given on this form. (Provide any additional information necessary to understand your circumstances by attaching a separate sheet.) Note: you are also signing that you understand and agree to the TITLE IV Payment Authorizations and Certification policy stated above. Please review carefully.

26. ___________________________________________  
    Student’s Signature

27. ___________________________________________  
    Spouse’s Signature

33. Date Completed:  
    Month Day Year