



Mount Ellis Academy

26-27 Scholarships and Financial Aid Application

The MEA Scholarship program was designed to help students with financial need attend Mount Ellis Academy. Financial aid will be considered for qualifying and cooperating students who sincerely desire a Christian education and have the motivation to meet the required academic and work requirements at Mount Ellis Academy. The applicant is reminded that these funds are derived mainly from special donations, gifts and bequests from individuals and periodic Montana Conference-sponsored offerings. In each instance, the funds are limited. The use of these special funds in cases where the need is not acute may deprive others of educational opportunities.

Financial aid is intended to provide specifically for the tuition, fees, and/or room and board needs of MEA students. For this reason, all aid will be issued as a credit to the student's account and will not be issued in cash. The Financial Aid Committee reserves the right to reduce the amount of financial aid during the year, should other assistance become available (i.e., church scholarships, employer educational assistance, other scholarship assistance, or other income sources), or should the student fail to meet the scholastic performance, attendance, work, or citizenship standards outlined below. The information supplied by the applicants will be considered strictly confidential and will not be made available to any individual or group not directly concerned with granting financial assistance to current or prospective students of Mount Ellis Academy.

PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING THE GRANTING OF FINANCIAL AID

1. Financial aid is only evaluated for students who are currently enrolled (or have applied to be accepted) as a student at MEA for the coming school year.
2. Financial aid will be granted only after the need for such aid has been carefully studied. The applicant is asked to furnish information by completing the application forms. Incomplete forms will not be considered. Applications are considered in the order they are deemed complete by the financial aid administrator. **Also, it is necessary to include with the application a copy of the parents' most recent federal tax return (form 1040). The student must be listed as a dependent on the tax return submitted.** This information may be supplemented by written comments or personal interviews if desired.
3. **Citizenship:** Students are expected to maintain good citizenship while in attendance at MEA.
4. **Scholastic Performance:** To be eligible for financial aid, a student must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.50 (C+), or its equivalent, at each semester grading period in order to renew their financial aid for the following semester. Exceptions may be made for students with special learning needs.
5. **Attendance:** Financial aid is awarded for students to be able to attend Mount Ellis academy. On-Time class attendance is considered essential to the academic experience.
6. **Student Labor:** Students receiving financial aid must be willing to work an average of 8-15 hours per week based on the student's age and job availability. Students must be willing to work at the job assigned by MEA's work coordinator in order to maximize student earnings. Additionally, students should plan to work during the summer. Summer earnings can then be added to the parent payment so that the total Registration Fee is in hand for the start of the school year.
7. **Parental/Guardian participation:** All families are required to pay some amount on the student's account each month, as outlined in the financial agreement between the family and MEA. Financial aid, scholarships, church aid, or any other assistance paid on the student account do not constitute the family contribution. A written financial agreement must be signed and in our files before financial aid can be distributed.
8. **Church Aid:** Our program encourages support by the local church. Mount Ellis Academy will match up to \$1,000 for dorm students and \$500 for village students of church sponsorship funds. **As part of the financial application process, a Church Sponsorship Form is required to be on file.** Please have the pastor or appropriate church officer sign and return the Church Sponsorship Form as soon as possible.
9. **Application Submission:** The deadline to submit a completed financial aid application is July 10th (we recommend applying early because we have limited funds and numerous requests for financial assistance). Those who fill out the ACE scholarship, Church Sponsorship, and any other applicable scholarships along with this application before July 10th will be given first priority for the MEA Scholarship. Applications received after July 10th will be processed in the order of their arrival if adequate funds are available.
10. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE.** Please answer EVERY question on the application and see that all items on the checklist are mailed, faxed or emailed to:

Mount Ellis Academy
Attn: Financial Aid
3641 Bozeman Trail Rd
Bozeman, MT 59715
Fax: 406-587-5170

Email: meafinance@mtellis.org



Financial Aid Student Application

Please answer all questions on the application form. Please print!

NAME:			
DATE OF BIRTH:	AGE:	GRADE LEVEL: ☐ 9 TH ☐ 10 TH ☐ 11 TH ☐ 12 TH	HOUSING: ☐ DORM ☐ VILLAGE
HOME CHURCH/NAME OF PASTOR			
DO YOU HAVE OR PLAN TO HAVE A SUMMER JOB? ☐ NO ☐ YES If No, Why Not? If Yes, Where?			
WHERE ARE YOU PLANNING TO WORK DURING THE ACADEMIC SCHOOL YEAR?			
LIFE GOAL/AMBITION			
DESCRIBE YOUR STUDY HABITS AND PAST ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE: (A RECENT REPORT CARD MAY BE ATTACHED.)			
PLEASE STATE YOUR REASON FOR SEEKING A CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT MOUNT ELLIS ACADEMY:			
WHY DO YOU NEED/WANT THIS SCHOLARSHIP?			

Date

Signature of Student Applicant



Financial Aid Parent/Guardian Application

All blanks must be filled in as completely as possible (continued on next page). Please Print!

STUDENT(S) NAME(S):											
PARENTS/GUARDIAN NAMES:											
ADDRESS:		EMAIL(S):									
		PHONE #									
WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENT'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT?											
IS THE STUDENT CURRENTLY RECEIVING ANY OTHER TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIP OR FINANCIAL AID? Please list source(s) and amount(s). <table style="width: 100%;"><thead><tr><th style="width: 60%;">SOURCE</th><th style="width: 40%;">AMOUNT</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr></tbody></table>				SOURCE	AMOUNT						
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ADDITIONAL FAMILY INCOME (i.e. Social Security, child support, VA benefits, etc.): Please list source(s) and amount(s). <table style="width: 100%;"><thead><tr><th style="width: 60%;">SOURCE</th><th style="width: 40%;">AMOUNT</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td></tr></tbody></table>				SOURCE	AMOUNT						
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OTHER DEPENDENT INFORMATION:											
Name of Dependents	Age	School Attending	Monthly Tuition								



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PLEASE NOTE: THE ABOVE COMMITMENT IS ESSENTIAL IN UNDERSTANDING THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF THE STUDENT. THE FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT A KNOWN COMMITMENT AMOUNT FROM THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS.

Date: _____ Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

- ☐ Student Application for Financial Aid
- ☐ Parent/Guardian Application for Financial Aid
- ☐ Church Sponsorship Form
- ☐ Parent/Guardian's tax return (form 1040) showing applicant as a dependent.