

ASIA PACIFIC THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Baguio City, Philippines

Student Financial Assistance

Purpose and Objectives for Student Assistance

APTS provides for a variety of student financial assistance consistent with its mission and goals. Assistance is targeted to applicants with limited financial resources that come from less developed countries of greater Asia and/or whose ministries will be in those same countries. Preferences are given to applicants demonstrating leadership and academic scholarship who have an Assembly of God tradition.

Standard Financial Assistance for AG Students

Up to 50% assistance based on a sliding scale for the following covered costs. Students must enroll and receive credit in full time studies of 12 or more hours. Nine (9) hours may be approved by the Registrar or VP for Academic Services. Covered costs include:

1. Tuition for courses taken for credit.
2. Required administrative fees.
3. Room and board based on a single student living in the dorm or the equivalent dollar amount for students living with their family in APTS housing.
4. Medical insurance (All non-APTS insurance must be approved by the Business Administrator).
5. Required textbooks only with a limit of \$60 per course. Textbooks purchased with assistance will not be repurchased by the Bookstore.
6. Practicum taken for degree credit is eligible for assistance.

Minister's Study Assistance for AG Ministers

Up to 85% assistance based on a sliding scale. Applicants are to be credentialed and active senior ministers or full time workers serving in an AG church. Ministers may enroll in no more than 6 credit hours per trimester. Covered costs are:

1. Tuition for courses taken for credit
2. Required administrative fees.
3. Up to 50% of the cost of required textbooks with a limit of \$60 per course.
4. Up to 50% for board and room for actual time spent in approved block courses held on the main campus.

Minister's Study Assistance for Non-AG Ministers

All qualifications are the same as for AG ministers with the exception that up to 50% assistance is available.

Student Spouse Assistance

The spouse of a registered full time student may take for credit or audit 3 hours tuition free each trimester. However, the spouse is responsible for all other expenses.

Missionary/Faculty and Family Assistance

A missionary or faculty serving at least half-time at APTS as well as the spouse or live-in child(ren) are granted 3 hours tuition free per trimester for any APTS course. The enrollee is responsible for all other expenses of the course.

Staff and Staff Family Member Assistance

Regular employees with approval of their supervisor and by making up lost work time due to any time spent in class are granted free tuition and required administrative fees for any 3-credit course per trimester. Spouses and children of regular employees are provided free tuition for any course except post-graduate classes. In both cases the enrollee is responsible for all other expenses associated with the course.

Student Study Assistance

APTS provides a limited number of on-campus, part-time work study positions for full time students who are in the greatest financial need. Qualified students may be awarded 25% assistance as defined in "Standard Financial Assistance for AG Students."

Student Study Assistance assignments require 12 hours per week for 11 weeks of the trimester for a total of 132 hours. Work is not required during final exam week. These hours are in addition to 4 hours per week for Christian service, which is required of all full-time, on-campus students.

Summer Assistance

Students that were on student financial assistance and received credit for a full load in one or more of the preceding trimesters is eligible for summer assistance. The same level of assistance as provided in the trimester will be extended for each summer course in which credit is earned, but only for the actual duration of the course(s) provided the course(s) are part of a degree plan approved by the Registrar or VP for Academic Services.

Scholastic Scholarships Assistance

Each year APTS awards at least two 75% Scholarship Awards for studies toward a MDiv from applicants that come from less developed countries of greater Asia. Typically one from within and one from outside the Philippines will be awarded. Students must apply specifically for this award and submit documentation of academic achievements, English proficiency scores, and past leadership roles. The 75% covers all the expenses found under the "Standard Financial Assistance for AG Students." Students must maintain a 3.0 GPA to retain their scholarship.

Outstanding Graduate Assistance

Every year APTS offers to the graduating class of each four year greater Asian Assembly of God Bible college an outstanding graduate certificate. Students that are endorsed by their respective faculties as being outstanding in academics, character and leadership potential are given a certificate that provides 75% of all expenses listed under "Standard Financial Assistance for AG Students." These students must maintain a 3.0 GPA at APTS, otherwise assistance will decrease to 50% or less.

Academic Honors Assistance (Dean's List)

Students that take 12 hours or more and achieve a 3.7 or higher grade point average for a trimester will receive \$100 credit toward their school costs. Students that earn a 4.0 while taking 12 hours will receive a \$200 credit on their student accounts.

Student Council Award Assistance

Assistance will be given for each trimester that a student council officer serves. The President receives 25% while the Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer each receives \$100 credit for expenses listed under "Standard Financial Assistance for AG Students."

Post Graduate Student Assistance

Students that are enrolled in a ThM or D.Min may make application for financial assistance based on the same criteria and conditions as in "Standard Financial Assistance for AG Students." If determined to be eligible, then 25% of tuition and administrative fees only will be awarded. Candidates for the Ph.D. may contact the VP for Academic Services for possible financial assistance.

Extension/Branch Site Assistance

Students enrolling for APTS extension site courses in Asia Pacific may submit financial assistance applications and are eligible for financial assistance on the same basis and conditions as other students that make application for the main campus.

General Conditions for Assistance

To be eligible for financial aid one must meet all APTS enrollment requirements established for each academic program including the English proficiency requirement. Standards for academics, student life and conduct must be maintained. Complete applications with attachments, e.g. current credentials, financial sponsor commitments, letters of endorsements are to be submitted on or before due dates. Application forms may be downloaded from www.pts.edu.

All financial assistance is disbursed on a funds-available basis by the Student Financial Assistance Committee. The provisions and regulations of the various financial assistance programs are subject to interpretation by the committee. The Seminary reserves the right to modify any part of these regulations without prior notice. All applications and appeals for financial assistance are processed by the committee.

Specific Conditions for Assistance

1. Complete applications with attachments are to be submitted to either the Registrar or VP for Operations and Finance who serves as chair of the Student Financial Assistance Committee 15 to 30 days prior to start of the course for which aid is being requested.
2. In general the conditions and regulations herein apply to Graduate Certificates, Masters, and MDiv degree plans. The exception is "Post Graduate Student Assistance."
3. Requirements such as GPAs, account balances, English proficiency test scores, etc. all apply to each type of

assistance inclusive of staff, spouses, and children who are taking courses for credit.

4. Financial assistance is for eligible costs as itemized in "Standard Financial Assistance for AG Students," not as a cash payment. Duplication of financial assistance is not permitted, e.g., husband and wife living in an apartment.
5. Costs not covered in Student Assistance awards are:
 - Immigration and visa fees
 - Application and examination fees
 - Personal expenses
 - Books "recommended" by an instructor
 - Audited courses
 - Extra curricular activities
 - Field Education and only half of Independent Study
 - Travel Expenses
6. A new application must be submitted prior to the beginning of each new academic year, i.e., June 1st.
7. Assistance is for the purpose of earning APTS course credit. So, if a student withdraws after the refund period or fails to satisfactorily complete a class for credit, i.e., receives a grade of D+ or less, then all financial assistance (including Student Study Assistance) given for that course(s) will be charged back to the student's account.
8. A student will be allowed a GPA of 2.5 during his first trimester. Beginning with the second trimester and thereafter a cumulative GPA of 2.7 is required in order to receive student assistance.
9. Students on academic or disciplinary probation are not eligible for new student assistance.
10. Financial sponsors including names, addresses, contact phone numbers and email addresses should be submitted along with the financial assistance application for those portions of the school cost not covered by student assistance. APTS typically will not provide 100% student assistance. So, verified financial sponsors are critical for enrollment.
11. Applicants for "Ministers Assistance" must submit current ministerial credentials or licenses from their denomination. Also, ministers are to submit letters of endorsement from their district or area church leaders noting that they are in good standing and are actively serving in a church. Full time church workers are to submit signed letters from their church officials describing their current ministry, number of hours worked per week, and a statement of the amount of remuneration received.
12. Student account balances from one trimester are to be settled and agreed to by the VP for Operations and Finance before additional financial assistance and enrollment are extended to a new school term.

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