



Camp Ministry Matching Gift Program

Dallas Baptist University will match designated Christian Camp gifts for DBU students up to, but not exceeding, \$1,300.00 per academic year per student, effective Summer 2017. The following is a list of scholarship provisions and requirements for the DBU Camp matching gift program which must be completely reviewed and followed by each participating camp and student:

1. The scholarship program applies for both graduate and undergraduate students, full-time or part-time.
2. The scholarship program only matches funds from Christian camps that hold Jesus Christ to be Lord and Savior. Gifts from denominations (e.g. Baptist General Convention of Texas, United Methodist Conference, etc.) or parachurch organizations (e.g. Campus Crusade for Christ, BSM, Focus on the Family, etc.) are not included in this matching gift program. The recommended student must have been employed as a full-time staff member for at least one full summer at the camp or must currently be employed as a full-time year-round staff member at the camp which is funding the scholarship. The scholarship may not be used in lieu of compensation for working at the camp.
3. Scholarships under this policy are limited to a \$1,300 DBU match per academic year per student. The academic year begins with the fall term (including August mini-terms), extends through winter and spring terms, and ends with completion of the summer term. The DBU matching scholarship can only be used to cover current actual costs charged to the student account within the current academic year and not for past bills. Any unused matching gift portion of the scholarship may be moved forward to another semester within the same academic year, but cannot be transferred to another future academic year. If unused matching funds still exist after the summer semester, they will be forfeited. There will be no exceptions to this policy.
4. Scholarship funds given to DBU should be managed by the camp and cannot originate with the student, the student's family, or with friends who give to benefit a specific student, thereby creating a "pass through gift" situation. DBU's Camp Ministry Matching Gift Program is consistent with federal Internal Revenue Service regulations that restrict donors from financially supporting individuals through scholarships for the purpose of obtaining a tax benefit. The camp should explain these limitations to individuals who contribute to the scholarship fund. Contributions to the scholarship fund for which a tax benefit will be sought should not be motivated by a desire to assist a specific student, but rather a general desire to assist students from the camp who are pursuing their education at DBU. Any questions regarding this issue should be independently directed to a competent attorney, CPA, or tax consultant.
5. Before a scholarship gift is made to DBU, the camp must determine that this scholarship program is within its benevolent and charitable purposes. Funds cannot be designated by the donor for a specific student and then expected to be matched by DBU. Once the camp has determined that it desires to set up a scholarship fund, the treasurer, pastor, or other camp designee may recommend a specific student (or students) to receive the scholarship, although the final discretion regarding which student from the camp will be awarded resides with DBU.
6. A check for each Camp Ministry Matching Gift disbursement should be made payable to Dallas Baptist University and sent to the Office of Financial Aid. Notation should be made on each check identifying the student who is recommended to receive the scholarship by name and student ID or SSN, as well as the semester to which the scholarship is to be applied. A camp check is preferred. If payment is made in the form of a non-camp check, wire, cashier's check or money order, it must be accompanied by a letter on camp letterhead denoting the above information. Cash and credit card payments cannot be accepted, and all funds must be paid in U.S. dollars.
7. The Office of Financial Aid reserves the right to request additional documentation from the camps participating in DBU's Camp Ministry Matching Gift Program to verify eligibility. DBU will have final say related to questions of eligibility for a specific student or camp.
8. Although athletes may be eligible to receive camp scholarships, DBU cannot provide camp matching funds to student athletes per NCAA regulations.

Please note that no provisions of this policy constitute or may be relied upon as legal or tax advice to a camp individual.