

GRADUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Qualifying Criteria

For financial aid eligibility, graduate students must meet the rules in the following two areas:

- **Enrollment Status**—Students must be accepted into a curriculum authorized by the faculty of their respective school. Students enrolled on PTC status (permission to take classes) are not eligible to receive financial aid.
- **Course Load**—Students are awarded financial aid based on their percentage of full-time enrollment as defined in “Class Loads and Financial Aid” on p. 70. Special regulations apply to students who have completed all course work and are preparing theses, projects, or dissertations.

College of Arts & Sciences and College of Technology

Students who have completed all course work in an approved graduate program may not have completed all work needed to complete a degree. A student may be deemed to be enrolled full-time provided the student meets one of the following criteria:

1. Is enrolled in one of the following courses:
 PTH881, 882, 883, 884 (Clinical Internship)
 NRSG680 (Internship)
 COMM589 (Internship)
 FDNT594 (Practicum)
2. Is enrolled in a Project Continuation, Recital Continuation, Thesis Continuation, or Dissertation Continuation course. Only students who have enrolled for the required number of project, recital, thesis, or dissertation credits but have not completed the work are eligible.

Theological Seminary

Doctoral Students. Students who have completed all course work in an approved doctoral program must register for 1-6 credits under GSEM796 DMin project/ Dissertation or 1-12 credits under GSEM995 PhD-ThD Dissertation, or 1-14 credits under RLED995 Doctoral Dissertation. If the candidate does not complete the dissertation, he/she must register for GSEM788 DMin Project/Dissertation Continuation or GSEM888 Doctoral Degree Continuation until the dissertation is completed to qualify for status as a full-time student. Confirmation by the dissertation chair that full-time work is being done must be sent to Student Financial Services.

Master’s Students. To obtain full-time status for the MA degree, the student must register for GSEM688 Master’s Degree Continuation after he/she has registered for the allowable thesis credits but has not finished the work. Confirmation by the dissertation chair that full-time work is being done must be sent to Student Financial Services.

Federal Aid

Students should read the General Information (p. 68) and Satisfactory Academic Progress sections (p. 71), to determine their eligibility for financial aid.

Federal Direct Loans are available to graduate students. To apply for this aid, refer to p. 68, General Information, and the Financial Aid Chart, p. 78.

State Aid

Students from the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business Administration, and School of Education are eligible to apply for the **Michigan Tuition Grant** (with the FAFSA) if they are independent students who have resided in Michigan since June or before of the year preceding the enrollment year or if they are dependent students whose parents have resided in Michigan for the same period of time. Students enrolled in the Seminary and Religious education degrees are not eligible for the Michigan Tuition Grant.

Institutional Aid

Student Financial Services forms need not be completed for students to apply for the Andrews graduate grant or scholarship; students must apply directly to the graduate dean or department head of the school/program. All aid received by the student (except assistantships), however, is taken into account when determining eligibility for a student loan and a Michigan Tuition Grant.

Grants And Scholarships

Grant, scholarship, and assistantship funds are available through the offices of the various academic deans and department chairs. Grants and scholarships are gift aid; however, if a student is given an assistantship, this is considered to be employment and is processed through the Student Labor Office. Application forms, if required, must be requested from and returned to the respective dean’s office. The student does not need to complete any application paperwork for Student Financial Services to apply for and receive institutional funds.

Education Majors’ Debt-retirement Assistance. Education majors (K–12) who have had to borrow funds to finance their education may receive assistance in retiring the debt under a program cosponsored by the Lake Union Conference and the local conferences within the Union. As much as \$1,500 may be paid at the rate of \$500 during each of the first three years of teaching. Students should contact the Superintendent of Education of the conference or the principal of the academy in which they wish to teach.

Seminary Emergency Aid Fund. This emergency aid fund is available to seminary students for emergency relief only and is not a form of continuous financial aid. Students may apply for assistance through the seminary dean’s office.

Student Employment Program

Work opportunities for graduate students are available through the university’s Employment Office. Assistantships are available as arranged by the dean or department chairs of the school where the student is enrolled. For information regarding employment contact the Employment Office. The website is www.andrews.edu/HR.

Travel Equalization Fund

Graduate students coming more than 500 miles to the University from the United States, Canada, or overseas may be reimbursed for part of their travel expenses if certain criteria are met. For information, contact the Student Financial Services Office.

Federal and State Grants, Loans and Scholarships

Information on the following sources of financial aid may be obtained from Student Financial Services. For details, review the Financial Aid Chart on p. 78.

Grants

- Michigan Tuition Grant

Loans

- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Subsidized)
- Federal Direct Loan Program (Unsubsidized)
- Michigan Alternative Student Loan Program (MI-Loan)

Scholarships

- Michigan Competitive Scholarship
- Paul Douglas Teacher Scholarship
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship

SAP Policy for Graduate Students with Financial Aid

Graduate students must meet the Andrews University Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy. The following minimum standards must be met for Federal and State financial aid purposes.

Students must maintain the minimum Andrews University graduate overall GPA required for the degree program in which they are enrolled. The SAP summary below indicates the minimum GPA required to meet the university's SAP policy for each type of degree program.

| Degree | School | GPA | Max Below B- |
|-----------------------|--------|------|--------------------------------|
| PhD, EdD | Educ | 3.30 | 3 |
| PhD, ThD | Sem | 3.00 | 3 |
| DMin | Sem | 3.00 | no policy |
| DPT, DScPT | CAS | 3.00 | see <i>PT Student Handbook</i> |
| EdS | Ed | 3.20 | 3 |
| Master's | All | 3.00 | 4 |
| Professional Master's | Sem | 2.50 | no policy |

Compliance with these requirements is monitored by Student Financial Services on a regular basis. Students must complete at least two-thirds of the number of credits attempted, regardless of their enrollment status (full- or half-time), and maintain a 66% completion ratio. Exception may be made for courses whose requirements have a time-frame by design that extends beyond the limit of the semester in which it is registered.

Probation. Students who fail to meet the required SAP are placed on probationary status during the following semester. During the probationary semester, the student is eligible to receive financial aid as awarded. The student is allowed only one probationary semester for each degree program, except under extenuating circumstances. Academic performance during the probationary semester determines the aid given in the following semesters. If the student again meets the minimum required, the student is returned to satisfactory progress status and is eligible to continue receiving aid as awarded. Students who fail to attain satisfactory progress after the probationary semester are no longer eligible for Federal or State financial aid.

Appeal Procedure. When failure to attain the required GPA is due to extenuating circumstances or circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the student, he/she may appeal for an extension of probationary time limits. All master's-level

students may be allowed a maximum of a one semester probation extension. Doctoral- and specialist-level students may be allowed a maximum of a two-semester probation extension. However, the student must make the appeal for the second probation extension in the same manner as for the first appeal. Students should recognize that appeals are not "automatically" granted. Future financial aid is dependent on meeting SAP standards by the end of the additional probationary semester(s). All appeals must be made in writing and submitted to the academic dean or appointed representative of the student's respective school. Proof must support the stated extenuating circumstances. The appropriate authorizing office sends written notification to Student Financial Services of the appeal details.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS

Each year the university has increased needs for scholarship funds to aid students. The Trustees of Andrews University invite alumni, friends, and members of the university family to join them in providing an increased opportunity for training youth in the traditions of a Christian university.

The following supplies contact information for making a gift, either unrestricted or designated for a specific purpose, to Andrews University:

Current Gifts

Individuals interested in making a current donation to Andrews University of either cash or non-cash assets should contact:

The Office of Development
Andrews University
Berrien Springs MI 49104-0660
(269) 471-3592

Deferred Gifts

Individuals desiring to leave a gift to Andrews University by way of a bequest or another estate plan option should contact:

Planned Giving & Trust Services
Andrews University
Administration Building, Suite #310
Berrien Springs MI 49104-0645
(269) 471-3613