Church Matching Scholarship Program Agreement

Baptist University of the Américas' Church Matching Scholarship Program partners with local churches to support students they know and invest in their development as cross-cultural Christian leaders who will impact the world.

Through this program, BUA matches designated financial contributions from Christian churches to eligible students, up to $1,000 per academic year ($500 per semester) per student.

Matching funds will be applied only after a duly authorized church representative completes and submits the Church Matching Scholarship Program Agreement form for each student, each semester.

Completed agreement forms and corresponding checks should be mailed to Baptist University of the Américas, Office of Financial Aid, 2418 W. Ansley Blvd., San Antonio, TX 78224.

Church Certification

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Scholarship Amount: _____

As a duly authorized representative, I certify the following statements are true and accurate:

1. As a congregation, we profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.
2. We have determined that this scholarship contribution to Baptist University of the Américas supports our church's benevolent and charitable mission and is part of a legitimate scholarship program administered by our congregation. (For example, scholarships included as line items in an approved annual budget typically qualify as a bona fide program.)
3. We understand that the United States Internal Revenue Code and applicable tax regulations restrict the ability of family members and other persons to provide direct financial support to their choice of students through this scholarship for the purpose of obtaining or creating a tax benefit. Such a gift would be a gift to an individual and not a gift to our church.

4. We understand that a scholarship which is attached in any way to the fact that the student is an intern, staff member, or otherwise employed by the Institution, may be "taxable income" to the student. Scholarships given in relation to a student's employment are NOT eligible for this matching scholarship.
5. We understand that scholarship funds submitted to BUA for this program, cannot initiate with the student, the student's family or any other relative or friend who gives to benefit a specific student. This situation creates a "pass through gift" and this is not acceptable. A check from the Church needs to be attached to this form. Cash and credit card payments cannot be accepted unless the Church is the card holder.
6. We understand that eligibility is based on enrollment status: full-time students qualify for up to $1,000 per academic year; three-quarter-time students (9–11 credit hours) qualify for up to $750; and half-time students (6–8 credit hours) qualify for up to $500.
7. We understand that program funds are available only for the Fall and Spring terms.
8. We understand that the program accepts contribution only from individual churches and not denominations, associations, alliances or para-church organizations.
9. We understand that no provisions of this policy constitute or may be relied upon as legal or tax advice by our Institution or any individual involved in this scholarship program.
10. We understand that a Financial Aid Officer from BUA can contact us to verify the information or to request additional information.

Student Name (Please print)	Student Signature
Church Representative (Please print)	Church Representative Signature
Church Representative Title	Date

Note: If University-funded aid creates a credit balance in a student account after charges have been applied, such aid will be adjusted to reduce or eliminate the credit balance. A credit balance resulting from University-funded financial aid will not be made available for refund to the student. *BUA Catalog, p. 36.*

Please enclose check payable to Baptist University of the Américas. Applications received without a check will not be processed.

Card payments must be made by the church. This can be completed in person or by phone.

For more information contact the Financial Aid Office at 210-924-4338, Ext. 214 or financial.aid@bua.edu.