



Alvera Mickelsen Memorial Scholarship

Alvera Mickelsen, a CBE founder and its first board chair, was a prophetic theologian and gracious ambassador of biblical equality for women. Alvera was a people's theologian, bending her enormous talent to fanning into flames God's gifts and call in women's lives. She was adept at communicating not only with those who sincerely wanted to learn but also with those who were antagonistic. Without exception, she extended dignified treatment to everyone.

The Alvera Mickelsen Memorial Scholarship (AMMS) is funded by CBE International and made possible through the generosity of Alvera's family and the CBE community. Given the challenges that women face in the church and Christian academia, AMMS was created to help women answer the call to ministry by providing academic scholarships. The scholarship is designed to provide financial assistance to women who are pursuing a master's degree in a ministry field related to preaching, communications, writing, youth ministry, pastoral work, or nonprofit work. This year, CBE will award at least two scholarships of \$6,000 each to go toward 2020-2021 tuition expenses.

See the following page for eligibility and the application process.

What is CBE International?

CBE International (CBE) is a Christian, non-profit organization that affirms and promotes the biblical truth that all believers—without regard to gender, ethnicity, or class—must exercise their God-given gifts with equal authority and responsibility in the church, home, and world.

2020-2021 Eligibility and Process

Who is eligible?

- Women who:
 - support [CBE's Mission and Core Values](#).
 - demonstrate the commitments that characterized Alvera, including a love of Scripture, social justice, women's equality, and are able to communicate these ideas clearly.
 - are enrolled and in good academic standing in a master's program (in or outside the US) that is recognized as accredited in the US.¹
 - are pursuing a ministry career in a field related to preaching, communications, writing, pastoral work, youth ministry, or nonprofit work.
- Past recipients of the AMMS, CBE employees, and CBE contractors are ineligible.

What is the application process?

Step #1 - In order to be considered, applicants must complete and submit **all** of the following by **June 15, 2020 at 11:59pm CST**:

The completed application form (see pp. 3-4)

Submit an academic paper that is either:

- A 2,000-5,000-word academic paper written in the last year relating to an aspect of biblical gender equality (preferred)
- A 2,000-5,000-word academic paper written in the last year on any topic that you feel best demonstrates your academic ability **and** a 500-word essay explaining your understanding of biblical gender equality and Scripture

Three academic or professional references addressing the following criteria:²

- Your achievements (academic if given by faculty, professional if given by employer)
- Your Christian character
- Your talents for ministry

Your most recent academic transcript from your current institution (transcripts can be unofficial)

Your most recent CV/resume

Step #2 - The selection committee will review all completed applications and select the finalists, who will participate in a phone interview.

Step #3 - Based on the phone interview and the completed application, the committee will select scholarship winners.

How are applicants evaluated?

Applicants are considered by a scholarship committee consisting of CBE staff members. Individuals are evaluated based on merit and financial need. CBE does not discriminate against applicants based on age, race, socioeconomic background, or denominational affiliation.

What will the scholarship funds cover?

CBE will award at least two scholarships of \$6,000 each, to be applied to the 2020-2021 school year. For tax purposes, all funds will be designated for use toward tuition only. For this reason, applicants' institution must provide CBE with assurance that the student has not received tuition reimbursement exceeding the sum of the AMMS.

When will I be notified?

CBE will notify all candidates of our decision by July 24, 2020.

¹ CBE is not currently considering doctoral candidates for AMMS.

² Please have recommenders email their letters **directly** to amms@cbeinternational.org, or send them via mail to our listed mailing address in a sealed envelope. Recommendation letters that come from the applicant will not be considered.

2020-2021 AMMS Application

To apply, please email amms@cbeinternational.org the following items:

1. This completed form
2. A 2,000-5,000-word academic paper written in the last year related to an aspect of biblical gender equality **OR** a 2,000-5,000-word academic paper written in the last year on any topic that you feel demonstrates your academic ability and a 500-word essay explaining your understanding of biblical gender equality and Scripture
3. Three letters of recommendation that address the following criteria:³
 - Your achievements (academic if given by faculty, professional if given by employer)
 - Your Christian character
 - Your talents for and calling to ministry
4. Your most recent transcript from your current institution (can be unofficial)
5. Your most recent CV/resume.

Please submit all materials by **June 15, 2020**. CBE will notify candidates of our decision by July 24, 2020

First Name:	Last Name:	
Street Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Country:	Citizenship:	
Phone:	Email:	

Name and address of the accredited graduate school, university, or seminary where you are currently enrolled or accepted to study:	
Degree program and field of study:	
Are you a full-time student?	Date of graduation:
Name(s) of academic supervisor(s):	
How much are your tuition fees this year?	
How much will you pay out-of-pocket for tuition in the 2020-2021 academic year? (i.e. the amount left over after you factor in all other scholarships/financial aid you will receive)	

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In 150-250 words, please tell us about your call to ministry at this point in time and how it relates to [CBE's Mission](#):

In 150-250 words, please tell us how receiving the AMMS award will assist you in answering your call to ministry:

Please note: CBE may use the winners' names (or pseudonyms), bio, and photo for promotional purposes.

Optional: CBE invites all applicants to self-identify in the spaces provided below. This portion of the application form is optional, and will only be used to inform CBE of its reach. Any answers given below will not impact the decision of the selection committee. CBE will never share your personal information without your permission.

(Optional) Please indicate your race/ethnicity:

(Optional) Please indicate your age:

(Optional) Please indicate your denominational affiliation:

(Optional) Please indicate your 2019 household income:

Thank you! Please send your application to amms@cbeinternational.org, or mailed to:

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