



Alvera Mickelsen Memorial Scholarship

Alvera Mickelsen, a CBE founder and its first board chair, was a prophetic theologian and gracious ambassador of biblical gender equality. Alvera was a people's theologian, bending her enormous talents toward 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 some 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 friends. 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, pastoral work, or nonprofit work. Given the challenges that women face in the church and Christian academia, the AMMS was created to help women answer the call to ministry by providing academic scholarships. This year, CBE will award at least two scholarships of \$6,000 each to go toward 2019-2020 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 church, home, and world.

2019-2020 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, gender equality, and the ability to communicate these ideas clearly.
 - are enrolled, and are 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, 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 **May 27, 2019 at 11:59pm CST**:

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

A 2,000-5,000 word academic paper, written in the last year, relating to an aspect of biblical gender equality

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 six 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 2019-2020 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 1, 2019.

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.

2019-2020 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
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 ministry
4. Your most recent transcript from your current institution (can be unofficial)
5. Your most recent CV/resume.

Please submit all materials by **May 27, 2019**. CBE will notify candidates of our decision by July 1, 2019.

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

Name and address of the accredited graduate college, university, or seminary where you are currently enrolled or accepted to study:	
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 2019-2020 academic year? (i.e. the amount left over after you factor in all other scholarships/financial aid you will receive)	
In 150-250 words, please briefly describe your call to ministry at this point in time:	

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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 household income from this past year:

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

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

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