



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 on 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 one to three students a \$1,000 – \$6,000 scholarship to go toward their 2023–2024 tuition expenses for students who are pursuing a master's degree in a ministry-related field.

2023–2024 Eligibility and Process

Who is CBE International?

CBE International (CBE) is a nonprofit organization of Christian men and women who believe that the Bible, properly translated and interpreted, teaches the fundamental equality of women and men of all racial and ethnic groups, all economic classes, and all ages, based on the teachings of Scriptures such as Galatians 3:28:

“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (NIV 2011).

As a global community, CBE strives to become an intercultural y competent organization committed to a dvocacy for the equality, equity, and leadership of all women regardless of culture, class, race, ethnicity, or age. To that end, we will intentionally and routinely educate ourselves (CBE staff, board members, and stakeholders) on issues impacting women worldwide.

In the spirit of advocacy, CBE collaborates with global pastors, churches, institutions, and NGOs to eliminate sexism, racism, misogyny, gender-based violence, and human trafficking; to raise the status of women; and to promote human flourishing.

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, CBE interns, and CBE contractors are ineligible.

What is the application process?

Step #1 - To be considered, applicants must complete and submit all of the following by **May 29, 2023, at 11:59 pm CST**:

1. The completed application form (see pp. 3–4)
2. An academic paper that is either:

¹ CBE is not currently considering doctoral candidates for AMMS.

- A 2,000–5,000-word academic paper *without plagiarism* written in the last year relating to an aspect of biblical gender equality (preferred).
- A 2,000–5,000-word academic paper *without plagiarism* written in the last year on any topic that you feel best demonstrates your academic ability.

Note: Papers outside of the word count will not be considered.

3. Two 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
4. Your most recent academic transcript from your current institution (transcripts can be unofficial).
5. Your most recent CV/resume.

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

Step #3 - Based on the phone interview and the completed application, the committee will select scholarship winner(s).

How are applicants evaluated?

Applicants are considered by a scholarship committee consisting of CBE staff members and consultants with graduate degrees in related fields. Individuals are evaluated based on merit and financial need. CBE does not discriminate against applicants based on age, race, socioeconomic background, geographic origins, or denominational affiliation.

What will the scholarship funds cover?

For tax purposes, all funds will be designated for use toward tuition only. For this reason, the 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 31, 2023.

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.

2023–2024 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 (preferred) **OR** a 2,000–5,000-word academic paper written in the last year on any topic that you feel demonstrates your academic ability.
3. Two letters of recommendation that address all of 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 to amms@cbeinternational.org by **May 29, 2023**, by 11:59 pm CST.

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?	Anticipated date of graduation:
Name(s) of academic advisor(s):	
How much are your tuition fees this year (2023-2024)?	
How much will you pay out-of-pocket for tuition in the 2023–2024 academic year? (i.e., the amount left over after you factor in all other scholarships/financial aid you will receive)	

³ Please have recommenders email their letters directly to amms@cbeinternational.org, or send them via mail to our mailing address below in a sealed envelope. Recommendation letters that come from the applicant will not be considered.

In 150–300 words, please tell us about your call to ministry, how it relates to [CBE's Mission](#), and how receiving this award will assist you in answering your call to ministry:

In 300–500 words, please describe your current understanding of women's biblical equality in Scripture:

Please note: CBE may use the winners' names (or pseudonyms), bio, and photo for promotional purposes. Winners will also be asked to provide a video introduction of themselves and how the scholarship impacted their lives.

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 2023 household income:

The application deadline is May 29, 2023, by 11:59 pm CST.

Please send your application to amms@cbeinternational.org or mail to:

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