

# **BIBLE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MINORS AND CERTIFICATES**

## **BIBLE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS (please read carefully)**

To apply for a Bible scholarship at Ohio Valley University students must provide the following:

- 1) A completed Bible scholarship application form;
- 2) A scholarship essay on why one is doing a minor or certificate in Bible (½ to 1 page);
- 3) A personal reference from an elder/minister (for first-time and transfer students only).

Complete applications **SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1** to be applied to the following academic year.

Although late applications will be accepted, awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis according to fund availability and are not guaranteed. All applications received will be reviewed by the Bible scholarship committee and applicants will be notified of the status of their award as quickly as possible.

## **DETERMINING BIBLE SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must declare their minor or certificate to be one of the ones listed at the end of this document.

- 1) New students must have a minimum ACT score of 18 (or the SAT equivalent) and a minimum high school GPA of 2.0. Continuing students and transfer students will need a minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.0 and a cumulative Bible course GPA of 2.5. No scholarships will be awarded to students on academic warning or probation.
- 2) Students may apply for a waiver for one semester to attain eligibility. To apply, please submit a detailed letter explaining why a waiver should be granted and what steps will be taken to become fully eligible; then schedule a meeting with the Bible department to discuss your request.
- 3) Students must take four of the five core Bible classes (105, 106, 107, 205, 206) in addition to the requirements of the minor or certificate to receive the scholarship.

## **SCHOLARSHIP ACCEPTANCE REQUIREMENTS**

By accepting a scholarship from the Bible department, recipients agree to fulfill the following obligations:

- 1) Bible scholarship recipients are expected to be active in and contribute to the spiritual life on campus. Opportunities for this type of leadership on campus include, but are not limited to, chapel, weekly devotionals, missions club, men's or women's spiritual clubs, Bible major clubs, and preaching by appointment.
- 2) Bible scholarship recipients are expected to progress toward degree completion in a timely manner. This means that recipients will take Bible courses each semester.
- 3) Bible scholarship recipients are also expected to find a congregation in the area with which to become affiliated. It is beneficial to develop mentoring relationships and to become active in some type of church service. Continuing students are asked to provide the name of a contact person for a local congregation on the continuing student application form. This contact person will be asked to provide feedback regarding recipients' involvement in their congregation.
- 4) Recipients should maintain exemplary personal behavior (see "Personal Behavior of Scholarship Recipients" below). In addition, recipients should exhibit self-discipline in class preparation and attendance, and in all areas of life.

## **PERSONAL BEHAVIOR OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

Recipients should be aware of the example that they provide to other Ohio Valley University students and the members of the community at-large. In particular, the School of Biblical Studies is concerned about personal behavior of recipients that:

- 1) Could violate provisions of the "Ohio Valley University Community Responsibilities" that are related to immoral, unethical, or illegal activities (see student handbook).
- 2) Could involve illegal activities as defined in the laws of any state or country.
- 3) Could bring reproach on the School Of Biblical Studies and/or Ohio Valley University, including but not limited to: consumption of alcohol; attending bars, dance clubs, or establishments designed to sell and/or trade pornographic materials; and the use of vulgar, obscene, profane, sexually suggestive, or racially offensive language and/or gestures.

If a recipient engages in any behaviors described above, the school of biblical studies reserves the right to alter the terms of the recipient's scholarship award. Alterations may include placing the recipient on probation for a specified period of time, revoking the scholarship in part, or revoking the scholarship in whole.

## **AVAILABILITY AND AMOUNTS OF SCHOLARSHIPS**

Because Bible scholarships are funded primarily by donations, the availability of these funds may vary from year to year. This may affect scholarship amounts. For this reason, Bible scholarships are for one year only and students are asked to apply each year to determine eligibility and scholarship amounts. Bible majors receive first priority in distribution of scholarships. In general, Bible scholarships are given for a maximum of eight semesters.

Scholarships will be awarded according to the following structure:

### **Level one:**

Level one certificates: Children's Ministry, Church History, Preaching, Teaching the Bible, Youth Ministry

Freshmen \$100 a year

Sophomores \$150 a year

Juniors and Seniors \$250 a year

plus \$25 for attending either World Mission Workshop or Winterfest the previous year

### **Level two:**

Level two certificates: Biblical Text, Doctrine & History, Greek, Hebrew, Missions, Women's Ministry

Level two minor: Bible

Freshmen \$100 a year

Sophomores \$150 a year

Juniors and Seniors \$300 a year

plus \$25 for attending either World Mission Workshop or Winterfest the previous year

### **Level three:**

Level three minors: Biblical Languages, Biblical Text, Children's Ministry, Christian Counseling, Christian Service for Women

Minor equivalent: Interdisciplinary Studies major—Track I area in Bible (courses taken at OVU)

Freshmen \$125 a year

Sophomores \$175 a year

Juniors and Seniors \$350 a year

plus \$25 for attending either World Mission Workshop or Winterfest the previous year

### **Level four:**

Level four minors: Missions, Youth and Family

Freshmen \$125 a year

Sophomores \$175 a year

Juniors and Seniors \$400 a year

plus \$25 for attending either World Mission Workshop or Winterfest the previous year

Bible scholarships are awarded for Bible majors (which may include a minor), Bible and ministry minors, and Bible and ministry certificate programs. If a student applies for more than one scholarship for programs in which there are overlapping requirements, only the scholarship with the larger award will be given.

*See the following for the course requirements of the various minors and certificates.*

## MINORS IN BIBLICAL STUDIES AND MINISTRY

### **Bible**

This minor requires 18 credit hours of Bible (BIB) courses. The following are required: Life of Christ (BIB 106), Acts through Revelation (BIB 107), Old Testament Survey (BIB 205), and Christian Thought (BIB 206); 6 credit hours of upper-level textual studies courses; 2 credit hours of doctrinal and historical studies courses; and 2 credit hours of practical ministry courses. See the Bible program description for classification of Bible courses. *This minor is not available to Bible majors.*

### **Biblical Languages**

This minor requires 22 credit hours of biblical languages courses, including at least 8 credit hours of Hebrew, 8 credit hours of Greek, and at least 6 credit hours of Greek and/or Hebrew readings (it may include the Greek required for the B.A. in Bible).

### **Biblical Text**

This minor requires 18 credit hours, including 15 credit hours of upper-level textual studies courses, plus 3 credit hours chosen from biblical language courses, practical ministry courses, or doctrinal or historical studies courses. See the Bible program description for classification of Bible courses. *This minor is not available to students majoring in Bible.*

### **Children's Ministry**

This minor requires a minimum of 18 credit hours. The following courses are required: Educational Program of the Church (BIB 321), Children's Ministry (BIB 354), Youth Ministry (BIB 351), and Human Growth and Development (PSY 233). In addition, students must take two 300- or 400-level textual studies courses (see the Bible program description for a list of textual courses) and either Teaching the Bible (BIB 413) or Scripture Interpretation (BIB 347).

### **Christian Counseling**

This minor requires 29 credit hours of coursework in psychology and Bible. The following psychology courses, worth 9 credit hours, are required: Personality Theories (PSY 340), Family Systems (PSY 350), and Introduction to Counseling Theories and Practice (PSY 355). In addition, students must choose 3 credit hours from the following courses, all of which are worth 3 credit hours: General Psychology (PSY 101), Human Growth and Development (PSY 233), Child Development (PSY 234), or Adult Development and Aging (PSY 236). The following Bible courses, worth 6 credit hours, are required: Scripture Interpretation (BIB 347) and Ministerial Counseling (BIB 352). For 2 credit hours, students must choose either Marriage and Family (BIB 211) or Personal Spiritual Development (BIB 335). Students must choose 3 credit hours from the following courses, each of which worth 3 credit hours: Doctrinal Issues (BIB 346) or Major World Religions (REL 441). In addition, students must complete 6 credit hours of upper-level textual studies courses (see the Bible program description for a list of textual studies courses).

### **Christian Service for Women**

*This minor is available to women only.*

This minor requires 18 credit hours of Bible (BIB) courses. The following courses are required: Introduction to Practical Ministry (BIB 225), Religious Speaking for Women (BIB 327), Christian Service for Women (BIB 329), and Personal Spiritual Development (BIB 335). In addition, a student must earn 5 credit hours in 300- or 400-level textual studies. Three credit hours of biblical (BIB) electives are also required; Bible majors, however, must select Children's Ministry (BIB 354) in place of this biblical elective. See the Bible program description for a list of textual studies courses.

### **Greek**

This minor requires 20 hours of Greek (the hours of Greek required for the Bachelor of Arts in Bible may be included).

### **Missions**

This minor requires 25 credit hours, including the following courses: Introduction to Missions (BIB 322), Cultural Anthropology (SOC 341), Personal Evangelism (BIB 320), Church Growth and Planting (BIB 422), and Major World Religions (REL 441). For the additional 10-11 credit hours, students must take 7 to 10 credit hours in upper-level textual studies (see the Bible program description for a classification of textual studies courses), including at least one class from Acts (BIB 306 or BIB 406) or First Corinthians (BIB 308 or BIB 408), and one of the following: Global Missions Awareness (BIB 332), Ministry Field Laboratory (BIB 325) focused in missions, or Practicum in Ministry (BIB 425) focused in missions.

### **Youth and Family Ministry**

This minor requires 30 to 34 credit hours, depending on which courses are chosen. The following courses are required: Introduction to Practical Ministry (BIB 225), Youth Ministry (BIB 351), Ministerial Counseling (BIB 352), Marriage and Family (BIB 211), Human Growth and Development (PSY 233), Group Dynamics (PSY 242), Family Systems (PSY 350), and either Pastoral Epistles (BIB 304) or Scripture Interpretation (BIB 347). Students also must take 11 credit hours of upper-level textual studies (BIB 304 can count toward these 11 hours). See the Bible program description for classification of Bible courses.

## **CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN BIBLE**

To encourage students who are not completing a Bible major or minor to find their place of ministry in the kingdom of God, Ohio Valley University offers certificates in eleven ministry areas; each certificate requires a student to complete 12 credit hours. The certificates are available only to students who are making satisfactory progress in a degree program and who organize their Bible courses to meet the requirements below. See the Bible program description for classification of Bible courses. These areas and their requirements are as follows:

### **Biblical Text**

*Required courses:*

12 credit hours of upper-level textual studies courses

### **Children's Ministry**

*Required courses:*

One textual studies course  
 BIB 354 Children's Ministry  
 EDUC 215 Classroom Management  
 PSY 233 Human Growth and Development

*Select one of the following:*

- BIB 321 Educational Program of the Church
- BIB 351 Youth Ministry
- REL 413 Teaching the Bible

### **Church History**

*Required courses:*

REL 341 Church History  
 REL 342 Restoration Church History  
 HIS 351 Renaissance and Reformation

*Select one of the following:*

- BIB 280 Biblical Studies International
- BIB 290 Sophomore Seminar: Special Topics in Archeology
- REL 441 Major World Religions

### **Doctrinal and Historical Studies**

*Required courses:*

12 credit hours of doctrinal and historical studies courses

### **Greek**

*Required courses:*

Four semesters of Greek

### **Hebrew**

*Required courses:*

Four semesters of Hebrew

### **Missions**

*Required courses:*

BIB 322 Introduction to Missions  
 SOC 341 Cultural Anthropology

*Select six credit hours from the following:*

- BIB 320 Personal Evangelism
- BIB 325 Ministry Field Laboratory focused on missions
- BIB 353 Urban Ministry
- BIB 422 Church Growth and Planting
- REL 441 Major World Religions
- 3-4 credit hours of upper-level textual studies course

**Preaching**

*Required courses:*

BIB 323 Sermon Preparation and Delivery  
 BIB 324 Advanced Homiletics  
 BIB 347 Scripture Interpretation  
 COM 321 Public Speaking

**Teaching the Bible**

*Required courses:*

BIB 321 Educational Program of the Church  
 PSY 233 Human Growth and Development

*Select one of the following:*

- BIB 325 Sermon Preparation and Delivery (for men)
- BIB 327 Religious Speaking for Women (for women)

*Select one of the following:*

- EDUC 321 Curriculum and Methods of Teaching K-12 (*prerequisite is EDUC 320 – Educational Psychology*)
- One 3-hour upper-level textual studies course

**Women's Ministry**

*Required courses:*

BIB 225 Introduction to Practical Ministry  
 BIB 327 Religious Speaking for Women  
 BIB 329 Christian Service for Women  
 One 300- or 400-level textual studies course

*Select one of the following:*

- BIB 354 Children's Ministry
- A second 300- or 400-level textual studies course

**Youth Ministry**

*Required courses:*

BIB 351 Youth Ministry  
 PSY 233 Human Growth and Development

*Select one of the following:*

- BIB 304 Pastoral Epistles
- BIB 347 Scripture Interpretation

*Select one of the following:*

- BIB 352 Ministerial Counseling
- BIB 211 Marriage and Family and BIB 325 (Internship in Youth Ministry) for 1 credit hour
- PSY 242 Group Dynamics
- PSY 350 Family Systems
- One 3-hour upper-level textual studies course