

MERRILL I. AND GRACE HANKS CHARITABLE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

The scholarship is available for entering freshmen, sophomores, juniors, seniors and graduate students attending University of Mobile

Scholarships are awarded annually and may be renewed subject to satisfactory performance.

Applicants must have a call to pastoral ministry and enroll or be enrolled in a course of study leading to a career as a pastor.

Applicants must commit to a Religion major or a Religion minor.

Applicants must meet all requirements for admission to University of Mobile and must be admitted at the time of any official announcement of award.

Applicants must demonstrate leadership inclination or capacity, industry and self-reliance in extracurricular activities.

Applicants must represent the highest moral standards and principles and must express through their lives a commitment to Christian morals and values.

Priority shall be given to students from Escambia and Monroe Counties in Alabama.

SELECTION PROCESS

Complete the Scholarship application form. Forms available at the Financial Aid Offices at University of Mobile (www.umobile.edu).

Write a brief autobiography, including any pertinent facts about your family, school program, interests and activities, and your future plans.

Write a one-page call narrative, a story of your call to pastoral ministry.

Obtain a formal church recommendation from your home church that is signed by the pastor or ministerial staff member.

Obtain a formal academic recommendation from two teachers/professors.

Include a resume of your High School/College activities, honors, and clubs/organizations in which you were a member and any offices held.

Attach a recent photograph/snapshot of yourself to the application.

File a FAFSA

Scholarship recipients are announced on June 15, 2026.

Confirm acceptance by informing University of Mobile of your decision to accept the award by July 1, 2026.

Decisions of the Hanks Charitable Trust Scholarship Selection Committee are final.

***The amount of the scholarship to be awarded is up to 50% of the student's need for the year as determined by the school's financial aid office.**

RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS

Scholarship recipients must be full-time students.

Should a student on scholarship elect to change their course of study from pastoral ministry, the student shall forfeit the scholarship.

To be eligible to renew a scholarship, Students must resubmit an application, maintain a 2.5 GPA and the Financial Aid Office must 1) certify that the student's performance has been satisfactory (and attach transcript), 2) certify that the student is still enrolled in a full-time course of study leading to a career as a pastor; and 3) recommend renewal of the scholarship to the Hanks Scholarship Selection Committee.

All application material and recommendations are due no later than May 01, 2026 for 2026-2027.

Timeline

May 01	Completed application materials and recommendations deadline
May 15	Financial Aid Offices at University of Mobile provide information to Hanks Selection Committee
June 01	Selection Committee meets and selects recipient(s)/conducts interviews if necessary
June 15	Scholarship recipient(s) announced
July 01	Scholarship recipient(s) confirmation