

**MERRILL I. AND GRACE HANKS CHARITABLE TRUST SCHOLARSHIP
ACADEMIC YEAR
2026-2027**

APPLICATION FORM

Deadline: May 01, 2026

Name _____ ID# _____ SS# _____

Address _____
Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Birth Date _____

Cell Phone (____) _____ Email (optional) _____

Educational Background (Name and Dates of School Attended, Degree Received) _____

ACT Composite _____ SAT Composite _____ GPA _____

Attending/Applying to the University of Mobile ___ Yes ___ No Major _____ Exp. Grad. Date _____

Attending/Applying to Samford University ___ Yes ___ No Major _____ Exp. Grad. Date _____

Name and Address of Parent/Guardian _____

Married? Yes ___ No ___ Children # _____ Spouse Employment _____

Student Employment _____ Type _____

Have you been licensed to the Ministry? _____ Ordained? _____

Name of Church and Address where Ordained _____

Positions of Church Leadership you have held _____

Present Church Leadership Responsibilities _____

Home Church (Name/City) _____

Present Church (Name/ City) _____

At this time, what is your ultimate goal regarding Full-Time Pastoral Service? _____

Briefly explain why you seek assistance and how you feel your course of study is preparing you for your calling.

Name and address of a Pastor, as a reference.

Name and address of a layperson, as a reference.

Please submit the following along with this application:

1. Write a brief autobiography, including any additional pertinent facts about your family, school program, interests and activities, and your future plans. (Not Required for Renewal Application)
2. Write a one page call narrative, a story of your call to pastoral ministry. (Not Required for Renewal Application)
3. Obtain a formal church recommendation from your home church that is signed by the pastor or ministerial staff member. (Not Required for Renewal Application)
4. Obtain a formal academic recommendation from two teachers/professors. (Required for Renewal Application)
5. Include a resume of your High School and College activities, honors, clubs, and/or organizations in which you held membership and any offices held. (Not Required for Renewal Application)
6. Attach a recent photograph/snapshot of yourself to this application. (Required for Renewal Application)

Applicant must file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

I give permission to the University of Mobile's Registrar's Office to release a copy of my academic transcript to the University of Mobile Financial Aid Office to be used in consideration for this scholarship. I certify that the information provided is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please notify the Financial Aid office immediately if your goal of full-time Pastoral Service changes.

Complete and return this application form no later than May 01, 2026, for consideration for the 2026-2027 academic year.

If attending or applying to the University of Mobile, please return complete Application to:

Office of Financial Aid
University of Mobile
5735 College Parkway
Mobile, AL 36613

Phone: 251-442-2222
Fax: 251-442-2498
Email: askfinancialaid@umobile.edu