

Tanzanian Adventists in United States of America (TAUS) Scholarship Program Policy



Tanzania Adventists in the United States of America (TAUS) members are dedicated to supporting Tanzania Unions and local Conferences' effort in preparing and educating qualified Theology or Religion students to meet the needs of an increasing church membership.

The **Purpose** of the TAUS Scholarship Program is to provide scholarships to Theology or Religion students attending/will be attending University of Arusha in Tanzania or Bugema University in Uganda. The scholarship is intended to help them pursue or complete their first degree program in Theology or Religion. TAUS hope that this Scholarship Program will empower church members who have demonstrated God's calling to the gospel ministry in the designated area with need-based educational resources.

The total number of scholarship to be awarded each year for each scholarship will depend on factors including but not limited to: availability of funds, applicant qualifications, and/or TAUS members' decisions made through the Executive Committee and recommendations of the TAUS Scholarship Committee (TASC). TAUS Scholarship individual maximum award per academic year is US\$900.

TAUS offers three types of scholarships: **Conference and TAUS Partnership (CTP) Scholarship**; **TAUS Mission Scholarship (TMS)**; **TAUS Partnership Scholarship (TPS)**. All these scholarships apply only to tuition and fees that must be paid direct to the university.

1. Conference and TAUS Partnership (CTP) Scholarship

CTP Scholarship is available to undergraduates who have a full endorsement of their local conference, and have been voted to receive at least 50% of the total cost of college attendance (tuition and boarding).

CTP Scholarship Eligibility

- i). Demonstrate pastoral and leadership potential.
- ii). Provide a proof of 50% contribution from the local conference.
- iii). Plan to be enrolled full-time (12-16 credits) in a bachelor's degree program in Theology or Religion.
- iv). Verifiable registration status at the end of the University's drop/add period.
- v). Maintain a minimum cumulative grade average of B.
- vi). Tanzania citizen, and Seventh-day Adventist church member in good standing.

CTP Scholarship Award Limits

- A maximum of US \$900 per academic year will be awarded
- The CTP scholarship award is renewable up to three consecutive academic years to eligible students. Award renewals are not guaranteed.

2. TAUS Mission Scholarship (TMS)

TMS is available to student who are in a second or third year at the University of Arusha in Tanzania or Bugema University in Uganda.

TMS Scholarship Eligibility

- i). Be enrolled in full time bachelor's degree program in Theology or Religion.
- ii). Have a minimum of 24 credit hours completed at the time of application.
- iii). A minimum grade average of B for all completed courses.
- iv). Verifiable and genuine financial need or difficult caused by unexpected event while enrolled in school.
- v). Lay Evangelist or Lay Pastor work experience performed under any local conference in Tanzania.
- vi). Tanzania citizen, and Seventh-day Adventist church member in good standing.

TMS Scholarship Award Limits

- The maximum of US\$900 per academic year will be awarded.
- The Award is renewable up to two consecutive academic years to qualified students.
- Award renewals are not guaranteed.

3. TAUS Partnership Scholarship (TPS)

The TPS scholarship is available to only to 2rd and 3rd year Theology or Religion students, including returning diploma holders student who were in the field (Conference employees) and wish to complete their first degree in Theology or Religion.

TPS Scholarship Eligibility

- i). Pastoral ministry work experience from any local conference in Tanzania.
- ii). A minimum grade average of B in all completed courses.
- iii). Able to receive an endorsement from local conference.
- iv). Demonstrated ministerial and leadership qualities and potential upon graduation.
- v). Tanzania citizen, and Seventh -day Adventist church member in good standing.

TPS Scholarship Award Limits

- The maximum of US\$900 per academic year will be awarded.
- The Award is renewable up to two consecutive academic years to qualified students. Award renewals are not guaranteed.

Application Instructions

- A. The DEADLINE for scholarship applications is **November 1st, 2021, 11:55 PM East African Time** (no exceptions).
- B. You will be notified through email by **January 10, 2022** should you be selected for this scholarship
- C. Please submit a completed application form including all required recommendation letters (if handwritten, please print legibly). Incomplete applications will not be processed.
- D. Do not leave any question unanswered. Please write N/A if a question does not apply to you,
- E. For those planning to start their degree program, please submit a copy of your official high school/diploma transcript. Those already started their degree program must submit a copy of their most recent official university transcript.

Please Note: TAUS will process scholarship application received by email only. The email address is: taus.scholarship@gmail.com. **All required documents including the application form must be sent as attachments in ONE EMAIL to the given email above. TAUS will not process any incomplete application or applications not sent to the email provided in this form.**



Tanzanian Adventists in United States of America TAUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please check all that apply. _____ CTP Scholarship _____ TMS Scholarship _____ TPS Scholarship
Date of Application: _____

Please type or print your answers.		
1.	Last Name: _____	First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> P.O Box: _____ City: _____ Country: _____ </div>	
3.	Email Address: _____	Mobile Telephone Number: _____
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year	
5.	Where is your local church membership? Name of the Church: _____ Local Conference: _____	
6.	Are you related to any of TAUS Executive Committee and/or Scholarship Committee staff? (Please Circle) Yes No If yes, name the person: _____	
7.	If currently enrolled at the University: a. Name of the University: _____ b. Which year will you be in January 2022? _____ c. <i>Proof of current student enrollment is required.</i>	d. Number of credit hours completed _____ e. Current Cumulative GPA _____ <i>A copy of your most recent official university transcript is required.</i>
8.	If not currently enrolled at the University: a. Name of the university you will be attending in January <u>2022</u> : _____ b. Intended degree major _____ c. I will be entering the above-mentioned university as a: (Circle one) 1 st year student 2 nd years Student 3 rd Year Student d. What is your highest level of education? _____ e. Name of college /high school you attended _____ What did you study _____ f. When did you complete your high school/ diploma (year) _____ Division/GPA _____ <div style="text-align: center;"> <i>Proof of acceptance to a university is required.</i> <i>A copy of official transcript for high school/diploma is required</i> </div>	

9.	List the name of any college you have attended	Year Began	Year Ended	Year Graduated (If applicable)	Name of Degree/Diploma Received (If applicable)
	A.				
	B.				
	C.				

10. List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable).		
	Amount	Write the name of the currency e.g. US\$, Tshs, UGX, etc.
A. Tuition		
B. Books		
C. Room & Board		
D. Other expenses (Describe below under comments)		
Comments:		
11. List current financial assistance you will receive per semester or quarter from other sources: (Other financial assistance will not affect your scholarship eligibility.)		
	Amount	Write the name of the currency e.g. US\$, Tshs, UGX, etc.
A. Personal		
B. Family & Friends Support		
C. Conference Scholarship		
D. Student Loan(s)		
E. Other Financial Resources		
Comments:		

12. List any church and ministerial related activities and position held. Indicate what position previously held, where, when, and what tasks were performed (Attach a separate sheet of paper if needed).

Name of activity	Position held	From— to—(Years)	Place	Tasks performed

13. **Personal Essay**
 Please answer the following question. Attach a separate sheet of paper.
What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?
 Your answer must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt / Time New Roman fonts.

14. Please obtain and attach to this application three recommendation from the sources indicated below. Conference recommendation letter must be signed by a conference president or executive Secretary.

Recommendation source	Name	Email address	Phone numbers
1. Local /District Pastor recommendation			
2. Local Conference recommendation signed by one of the officers			
3. Academic Reference signed by current professor or someone who knows your academic potential			

15.	A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.	
	B. Your application will not be considered if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)	
	C. Circle “ YES ” or “ NO ” to be sure you have attached each item as required.	
	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO
	YES	NO

Completed application. All questions are answered completely.

You have requested recommendation from your local pastor and local conference leadership (The local pastor, conference administrator, and current/former lecturer should email your recommendations direct to taus.scholarship@gmail.com)

Personal Essay. Must be at least 1-2 pages, typed, double-spaced, and 12 pt. / Time New Roman fonts. Please ensure your essay contains no grammatical errors.

Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A copy of your college acceptance letter or proof of enrollment is required for your application to be considered.

Most recent official high school or college transcripts. Photocopies of your official transcript are acceptable, if transcript is verified and signed by the Registrar office.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote TAUS’s Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that that if my application is short listed, according to TAUS Scholarship criteria and eligibility policy, I give permission to the TAUS Scholarship Committee (TASC) to conduct further background check, verify the accuracy of information given in this application, and verify the recommendations obtained from your local church pastor, local conference officials, and/or University.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship recipient, according to TAUS Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the University of Arusha in Tanzania or Bugema University in Uganda before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of Scholarship Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Business Manager /Conference Administrator signature _____ Date: _____

Full name: _____ Title: _____

Official stamp:



Tanzanian Adventists in United States of America Scholarship Recommendation Form

Please check one to indicate who you are.

_____ Local/District Pastor
_____ Conference Administrator
_____ University Lecturer

Scholarship Applicant Full Name: _____

Tanzania Adventists in the United States (TAUS) is an associated of SDA Adventists of the Tanzanian origin that dwell in the Unites States. We have dedicated our lives to the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Among its projects, TAUS offers several scholarships to theology students at Arusha University and Bugema University. Students must demonstrate good academic standing, sound judgement, unquestionable moral standing, and a divine calling to the gospel ministry.

Mr. _____ is applying for one of TAUS Scholarships and is requesting your recommendation. Please answer the questions below and send the completed questionnaire to taus.scholarship@gmail.com to help us in our decision process.

Relation to the applicant:

1. Is the applicant known to you or your office? Yes No
2. If yes, how long is the applicant known to you or your office? ____ years.
3. Are you or another high ranking officer in your office related to the applicant? Yes No If Yes, what's the relationship? _____

Please rate applicant in these areas:

1. **Teachability** (*Applicant's ability to listen to feedback and respond in healthy ways*)
 Do Not Know Below Average Average Above Average Excellent
2. **Work ethics and dependability** (*Applicant's ability to follows through on the things he commits to doing*)
 Do Not Know Below Average Average Above Average Excellent
3. **Ministerial leadership potential** (*How would you rate the applicant ministerial potential upon graduation*)
 Do Not Know Below Average Average Above Average Excellent
4. **Involvement in local church** (*How would you rate the applicant's involvement with local church activities e.g. held church office, evangelism or Lay Pastor*)
 Do Not Know Below Average Average Above Average Excellent

Signature _____ Date _____

(please complete and sign the next page too)

5. **Spirituality** (*Applicant can articulate his/her faith and exhibits spiritual fruit*)
 Do Not Know Below Average Average Above Average Excellent

6. **Character and integrity** (*How would you regard the applicants moral standing and ethical behavior*)
 Do Not Know Below Average Average Above Average Excellent

7. **Upon successful graduation, given a chance, how likely would you hire the applicant?**
 Will Not Hire Less Likely Neutral Most Likely Will Hire

8. Are there other relevant factors about this applicant which you think we should consider in our decision?
 Yes No. If Yes, please explain.

By signing this form, I certify that the answers provided are true to the best of my knowledge, and I have completed this recommendation on behalf of the office which I represent.

Signature _____ Date _____

Full name: _____

Title: _____

Your organization stamp _____

“Empowering qualified SDA church members to respond to God’s call and engage in Gospel Ministry with need-based educational resources”