

Guidelines
For Student Aid Fund for Nonregistrants



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1. This special non-budget fund was established in 1983. The purpose is to help replace potential government grants and loans lost by students who for reasons of Christian conscience choose not to register with the U.S. Selective Service System. Applicants will be asked to complete a statement outlining their reasons for choosing not to register.
2. The Executive Board's Holistic Witness Director will supervise the operation of the fund, joined by an SAFNR Administrative Committee to be composed of the Holistic Witness Director of Mennonite Church USA, the Executive Director of Mennonite Education Agency and Executive Board finance staff. Persons eligible to receive help from the special fund include:
 - a. All non-registrants enrolled in Mennonite Church USA colleges and seminaries
 - b. Non-registrant Mennonite students in undergraduate studies or graduate studies as available in other-than-Mennonite institutions.
3. Funds will be gathered from three sources:
 - a. After clearance from the student, the home congregation of each nonregistrant student will be invited to make special contributions for the need. The student will be expected to be an integral part of the communication process with his congregation.
 - b. If necessary, loan funds will be sought from Mennonite Foundation and other sources to replace Title IV government loans.
 - c. Congregations and individuals of Mennonite Church USA will be invited to make contributions to the fund.
4. Contributions should be made payable to Mennonite Church USA with Student Aid Fund for Nonregistrants designated in the memo line.
5. The Executive Board finance staff will provide time for the administration of the SAFNR and fundraising. These administrative costs will be deducted from the total contributions received each year.
6. Distribution of available funds will be based on formulas that would have been used if the student were eligible for government aid. In no case will a student receive more funds than would have been awarded through Title IV channels. If total contributions in an academic year are not sufficient to meet the total need for that year, the total available funds will be distributed in proportion to individual needs.
7. Individual students at Mennonite colleges should work through the Financial Aid offices of their schools, which will report needs to the Executive Board finance staff. Students at non-Mennonite schools should contact their financial aid officers and the Executive Board finance office.
8. Requests for grants and loans should be received by September 1 and will be distributed in December for the entire academic year.
9. Students borrowing funds from SAFNR will be asked to sign a promissory note. Parents of students considered dependents will be required to co-sign the note.

10. No interest will be charged for funds loaned to SAFNR recipients until six months following their exit from undergraduate studies. At that time the recipient will begin repayment of the total amount borrowed. Payments shall not be less than \$50 per month and the total repayment period shall not exceed 10 years. Interest on the unpaid principal will be a fixed rate to be based upon the long-term 120% AFR monthly rate to the nearest tenth, to be set 90 days after the student graduates or discontinues school. The student's first loan payment would be 180 days following graduation or discontinuance from school. We will use the same interest rate calculations for both undergraduate and graduate loans.
11. All students who received loan funds from SAFNR for undergraduate studies, including those enrolled in Mennonite Church USA seminaries or other graduate institutions will be required to begin and continue repayments of that loan even while attending graduate school or while serving in voluntary service according to the guidelines stated above. Because the loans are a revolving fund, repayment of loans makes it possible for the next students to borrow.
12. In the event of a loan default, appropriate collection procedures will be made.
13. Business offices in Mennonite Church USA educational institutions will be asked not to charge interest to the student for any portion of the student's bill not paid from July 1 to December 31, which is projected to come from SAFNR sources.
14. If the need for this fund should cease and undistributed funds remain, the remaining resource will be disbursed by determination of the Executive Board for use in harmony with the purpose of this fund.
15. Changes to these guidelines will be the responsibility of the SAFNR Committee..

Please send contributions to:

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