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MARIA DYER SCHOLARSHIP

Introduction: Who is Maria Dyer?

1. Mrs. Maria Dyer (Tarn), founder of St. Margaret's School, was the wife of Samuel Dyer of the London Missionary Society. Robert Morrison had recruited them for ministry to the Chinese. They left for this part of the world in 1827 when she was only 24 years of age. (As a matter of interest, one of the Dyers' daughters, also Maria Dyer, in 1858 married Hudson Taylor, often regarded as the greatest missionary to the Chinese.)
2. Because China was closed to all missionary activity in the early Nineteenth Century, the Dyers had to serve where Chinese people were in South East Asia, mainly in Penang and Malacca. In August 1842, they were in Singapore awaiting the anticipated opening of China. It was during this period that Mrs. Maria Dyer started what is today St. Margaret's (Primary and Secondary) School. What started off in an insignificant small shop-house in North Bridge Road is now a premier school serving over 2000 students.
3. Maria Dyer was part of the significant number of women, in the Nineteenth Century's Protestant Missions Movement, who gave themselves to serve God, either with their missionary husbands or as single women missionaries. She died in Penang in 1846 and her grave is there to this day.

Purpose and Summary of the Scholarship

4. The Maria Dyer Scholarship, (to be) launched in 2004, on the 120th Anniversary of St. John's Chapel Singapore, is an attempt to *encourage and facilitate* Singaporean women who are preparing for full-time ministry. This scholarship will provide financial support for two female theological college students each year. Suitably qualified students from Singapore Bible College and Trinity Theological College may apply for this scholarship.

Details of the Scholarship

5. This scholarship is opened to ladies who must have gained admission into either Singapore Bible College or Trinity Theological College. Applicants may apply for the scholarship through their respective colleges. Duly completed forms for this purpose, with a covering letter, are to be sent to the Church Secretary of St. John's Chapel at 111 Farrer Road, Singapore 259240.

6. Two scholarships each year will be awarded according to the following order of selection preference:
 - Former students of St. Margaret's School
 - Members of the (Anglican) Diocese of Singapore
 - Christians from other tradition / denomination

(Favourable consideration will also be given to applicants who are preparing to serve God overseas.)
7. The scholarship award will be made after an Interview Board from St. John's Chapel has interviewed all the applicants in each given year.
8. This scholarship is not open to members of St. John's Chapel.
9. This scholarship is offered bond-free; however, the scholarship applicants are expected to have some *brief* understanding of Maria Dyer and also the role played by other lady missionaries and church workers in the life (historical and current) of the Church.
10. The monetary value of the scholarship is \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars); payable in quantum of \$5,000 each year for three academic years. The yearly quantum will be paid in two instalments each year. Continual award of the scholarship for the second and third academic year will be based upon good performance in the college and the recommendation of the applicant's home church and college.

Conclusion: Twenty-first Century Maria Dyers

11. This scholarship is presented as an offering to God. It is the desire of the St. John's Chapel church-community to see Twenty-first Century Maria Dyers raised by God to His glory, from St. Margaret's School, from the Diocese of Singapore and from Singapore as a whole. To Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

St. John's Chapel, Singapore

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Annex A –Maria Dyer Scholarship Application Form



Maria Dyer Scholarship Application Form

For Academic Year: _____ Date Form Completed: _____

Please complete this entire application as thoroughly as you can and submit it with relevant documentation in a timely manner. This scholarship application will only be processed after all the necessary information is received.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION

Degree Programme: _____ Expected Graduation Date: _____

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ NRIC No: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Marital Status: _____

Spouse's Name, if married: _____ No. of Children: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ Email address: _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Name of Church (Denomination): _____ (_____)

Address: _____

Title & Name of pastor in charge: _____

Baptism (when): _____ (Where): _____

Confirmation (when): _____ (Where): _____

Church Activities/Involvement

List church activities and Christian organisations that you have served in, stating length of time participated. (Please attach separate list if necessary)

RECOMMENDATION BY RELEVANT COLLEGE AUTHORITY

I certify that the person applying for this scholarship has been (provisionally) accepted into Singapore Bible College / Trinity Theological College. (delete as necessary)

Name: _____ Signature / Date: _____/_____

Appointment in above stated seminary: _____

SUBMISSION and SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Please submit your completed application form together with a covering letter to the **Administrative Officer, St. John's Chapel at 111 Farrer Road, Singapore 259240**. All applications must be accompanied by the following:

- a. Photocopy of your NRIC.
- b. A statement of purpose, indicating why you are planning to attend seminary and what you hope to do on completion of your studies.
- c. Two letters of recommendation – one from the pastor of your church, and the other from any other Christian leader.
- d. A list of schools that you have attended.