



University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Ministry Scholarship Information

The Baptist General Convention of Texas, in cooperation with the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor provides tuition assistance to Baptist students who are preparing for careers in ministry. The Ministry Scholarship is in the amount of \$50 per semester hour. To be eligible a student must be:

1. An active member of a Baptist church.
2. Planning to pursue vocational Christian ministry, as evidenced by a personal testimony.
3. Certified for ministry by a Baptist church, either by license, ordination, or statement of certification.

The following completed documents are required to make an application for the Ministry Scholarship:

1. Ministry Scholarship application.
2. Church Certification form.
3. Letter of recommendation and support from the pastor of the certifying Baptist church.
4. Student Covenant and Information Form
5. Applicant's written testimony of call and commitment to ministry.

These documents are to be on file prior to the beginning of the semester for which the scholarship application is being made. Send all documents to:

College of Christian Studies
BGCT Scholarship
900 College St, UMHB Box 8422
Belton, TX 76513-2599

Qualifying students who accept this Ministry Scholarship assistance commit to completing the following courses:

- CSMN 1320: Introduction to Christian Ministry** (This course should be taken the first or second semester after you are approved for the scholarship. It requires a \$25 fee in addition to the regular tuition).
- CSCH 3310: History of Baptists**

Scholarship recipients are also required to attend one meeting in the fall semester and one meeting in the spring semester.

**MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR**

Name _____

Social Security # or UMHB Student ID # _____

UMHB Degree sought: _____ Major: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

UMHB Address: _____ Phone: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Name of Certifying Church _____

Church Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____

Name of Certifying Pastor _____

WHICH AREA BEST CHARACTERIZES YOUR MINISTRY DIRECTION?

- | | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Preaching/Pastoral | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> College |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided | <input type="checkbox"/> Children | |

I hereby apply for the Ministry Scholarship program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

I certify that I have read the Ministry Scholarship Information sheet and I understand there are requirements to be met annually for continued participation in the scholarship program.

I affirm that by my acceptance of the Ministry Scholarship assistance I establish a contract with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Ministry Scholarship program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

FIRST-YEAR CERTIFICATION FORM
Ministerial Tuition Assistance Program
BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS

Dear Student and Church Leader:

In recognition of the divine call of God felt by those who minister, churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) provide tuition assistance to Baptist* students who are preparing for careers in church-related vocations in Texas Baptist Schools.

Four participants are recognized in the Ministerial Tuition Assistance (MTA) program – (1) the student who, responding to God’s call, is set aside by (2) a local church that pools resources with other cooperating churches and entrusts these resources to (3) BGCT and its (4) partner schools.

Each applicant for the MTA program must show evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry, must demonstrate a life-style of eommitment to the principles of Christian life, and must be an active member of a Baptist* church.

The applicant is required to provide certification from his or her church in **one** of the following forms:

- a letter of certification of a call to church-related vocational ministry, **or**
- a certificate of license to the gospel ministry, **or**
- a certificate of ordination to the gospel ministry.

In submitting this application for certification, your church joins the Baptist General Convention of Texas and related schools in being faithful stewards of mission funds entrusted to them by cooperating churches to provide tuition funds for students.

Thank you for joining in this sacred trust.

The Theological Education Committee, BGCT



INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS:

Complete the “Church Information Section” and the “Church Certification Section” related to the appropriate form of certification.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE STUDENT:

Complete the “Student Information Section” and return the completed forms to:

**College of Christian Studies
BGCT Scholarship
900 College St., UMHB Box 8422
Belton, TX 76513**

FIRST-YEAR CERTIFICATION FORM

Ministerial Financial Assistance for
Students Preparing for a Church-Related Vocation
Baptist General Convention of Texas

CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION (Complete one or more portions, as appropriate)

Statement of Certification:

If the church has not ordained or licensed this student, the following statement must be affirmed by the congregation.

We hereby certify that _____
(Name of Applicant)

- *is an active member of our church*
- *has shown evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry*
- *has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related ministry*
- *has demonstrated a Christian life-style*
- *is the kind of person our church would be comfortable recommending as a minister to serve in a church-related vocational position*

This congregation affirmed this student's involvement in our church as noted on page 5 of the form. This congregational certification has been acted upon by:
(check all that apply)

Ordination of student on _____
(Date)

Licensing of student on _____

Adoption of statement of certification above by congregation on _____

Adoption of statement of certification above by others (specify below) representing the congregation on _____.
(Date)

Representing the congregation:

- Church Committee
- Deacons
- Elders or other governing board
- Council of church staff members
- Other (please describe): _____

I have talked with this student to discuss (1) the student's sense of call to church-related vocational ministry and (2) ways that the student might be involved in service at our church.

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During the preceding academic year I have been an active member of a Baptist church and have been involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this church in the following ways:

Paid leadership responsibilities: _____

Volunteer leadership or service: _____

Other involvement or means of support: _____

Sign the following affirmation, give this form to your pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor to complete, then return the completed forms along with any other materials required by your institution:

I hereby affirm my covenant with the churches, my sense of calling to a church-related vocation and my desire to receive the Ministerial Financial Assistance provided by the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and I promise to remain in compliance with the requirements of the BGCT and this partner institution.

Student Signature: _____

Date _____

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To be completed by STUDENT

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STUDENT COVENANT

Whereas *Texas Baptist* churches have committed their cooperative missions funds to providing financial assistance to men and women who are preparing for ministry vocations in the church and,

Whereas *Texas Baptist* universities have committed to providing theological education that prepares students for vocations in church-related ministries and,

Whereas I have sensed the call of God in my life to prepare for a vocation in a church-related ministry (such as pastor, church staff, missionary, chaplain);

I hereby enter into a covenant relationship with the churches of the *Baptist General Convention of Texas* to honor the sacred trust they have placed in me through their financial support and,

Should I come to a point in my understanding of God's will for my life and I no longer sense a call to a church-related vocation, I will immediately inform university officials and no longer accept this financial assistance provided by the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Student Signature

Date

STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

Name of Student: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Email: _____

Name of School: _____

Name of Church: _____

Church Address: _____

To be completed by STUDENT

To be completed by PASTOR or CHURCH LEADER

FIRST-YEAR CERTIFICATION FORM

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Baptist General Convention of Texas

I affirm this student's application for Ministerial Financial Assistance.

Pastor's or Church Leader's Name (printed) _____

Position at Church _____

Telephone Number _____

Signature _____

Date _____

CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION

Church Name and Address

Name of Church _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Denominational Affiliations

Baptist Association _____

City, State _____

Baptist State Convention _____

Baptist affiliations, national _____

Signed: _____

(Pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor)

Signed: _____

(Church Clerk)

PASTOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

(To be completed by the pastor, either as a part of the application form or as a letter from the pastor mailed separately to UMHB In-Service Guidance Director; may be on separate letterhead)

TESTIMONY OF PERSONAL CALL TO MINISTRY
(To be completed by Applicant)