



## SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES



Scholarships for theological education are made possible through gifts received by the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. Each year the Executive Board of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Board of the Directors for the Tennessee Baptist Convention approve the allocation of funds for ministry in Tennessee.

The allocation for theological education assistance is designed to assist non-traditional students to achieve their ministry education. The following guidelines aid to facilitate the scholarship application process:

1. Scholarships are for non-traditional students attending Seminary at one of the six Southern Baptist supported seminaries. These scholarships are for students enrolling in an extension center, online, hybrid, or J-term classes. The six seminaries are:
  - Gateway Seminary of the South Baptist Convention, Ontario, CA
  - Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO
  - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
  - The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
  - The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
  - The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
2. This scholarship is issued each semester. You must apply each semester to be considered for the scholarship.
3. Applicant must have been a resident of Tennessee for at least one year prior to making application.
4. Applicant must be a current member of a cooperating Tennessee Baptist Church that gives through Cooperative Program and Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.
5. Applicant must have and maintain a cumulative 2.5 GPA.
6. Completed application and recommendation letter from your local Director of Mission must be completed and sent back to the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board Theological Education Assistance office in one packet.

**Please include the following information in the order listed.**

1. Completed Application  
(Deadline is August 1 for Fall Semester and January 1 for Spring Semester)
2. Letter of Recommendation, Church Information form, and Release of Information form.
3. All documents can be emailed to [bbaker@tnbaptist.org](mailto:bbaker@tnbaptist.org), Faxed to 615-371-2014 to Bernie Baker's attention or mailed to:

**TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD  
THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE  
P.O. BOX 682789  
FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE 37068**

**Note: Fulfilling the "Qualifications to Apply" for a scholarship does not guarantee that you will receive a scholarship. All scholarship funds will be sent to the seminary financial aid office to be applied to your account.**



## APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP



### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Single \_\_\_ Married \_\_\_ Number of Dependent Children \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

### FAMILY INFORMATION

Name of your spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and ages of your dependent children:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Income: \_\_\_ Less than \$30,000

\_\_\_ \$30,000-\$60,000

\_\_\_ \$60,000+

### CHURCH INFORMATION:

Church where you are a member: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been a member of this church? \_\_\_\_\_

Association your church is in: \_\_\_\_\_



### EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

Check the Seminary you anticipate attending:

- Gateway Seminary of the South Baptist Convention, Ontario, CA
- Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO
- New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
- The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC



Anticipated classification for fall 2019 (check one):

First year \_\_\_\_\_ Second year \_\_\_\_\_ Third year \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

How many hours per semester: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply – I am enrolled at as a non-traditional student:

- Taking classes at an extension center
- Online and Hybrid Classes
- J-term Classes

Anticipated start date for classes for 2019-2020: \_\_\_\_\_

Major course of study and degree anticipated: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_

Check your vocational calling:

Local church ministry What area? \_\_\_\_\_

Missions what type? \_\_\_\_\_

Other Christian vocation: Specify \_\_\_\_\_

Is this your first time applying for this scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: **TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD**  
**THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE**  
**P.O. BOX 682789**  
**FRANKLIN, TENNESSEE 37068**

*\*All information gathered will be confidential and used in the scholarship process*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount granted \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_



## CHURCH INFORMATION FORM



Church Membership: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

***By evidence of my signature below, I affirm that the applicant is a member of the church named above of which I am a member of the staff. I further affirm that the church is a cooperating church of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Church Staff Signature (required)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Church Staff Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Position



## RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM



Seminary I plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board requires that an academic evaluation be given after the end of each semester's work before the recipient can be eligible for another scholarship. The school requires the student's permission for the release of this information.

**Please complete the form below. PRINT CLEARLY.** All information obtained by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board will be handled with the utmost confidentiality in the administration of your scholarship. Thank you for your cooperation.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a recipient of a scholarship from the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, do hereby give permission to my school to release any information necessary for it to assess my academic performance during the fall 2019 and spring 2019 academic year as required by its scholarship program. This information will be requested after each semester to verify my eligibility for the remainder of my scholarship. Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student ID#)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)