

Baptist Church Matching Gift Program Certification Statement

Baylor University will match designated gifts for Baylor students from Baptist churches, State Baptist Conventions or other Baptist affiliated programs up to \$1,000 per academic year, per student. Scholarship assistance is only available for the fall and spring semesters. No such scholarship assistance is available in the summer. Baptist Church Matching Scholarship awards are made on a dollar for dollar basis not to exceed \$1,000 in an academic year. Full-time undergraduate, graduate, seminary or law students are eligible to participate in this program.

Duly authorized Baptist church leaders must certify the statements herein and remit this signed form along with each check in order to request matching funds on behalf of the recipient. Funds cannot be matched until this statement is properly completed and received by Baylor University. Completed statements and checks should be returned to Baylor University, Office of Academic Scholarships and Financial Aid, One Bear Place, #97028, Waco, Texas 76798.

As a duly authorized representative of _____ (“Institution”),

I certify the following statements are a true and accurate reflection of the desires and intent of our scholarship program:

1. We have determined that this scholarship gift made to Baylor serves our Institution’s benevolent and charitable purposes, and that the provision of this gift is a bona fide scholarship program operated by our Institution. (General budgeted scholarships that are “line-items” and in the annual budget is a good example of a bona fide scholarship program and would typically be eligible for a match.)

2. We understand that the United States Internal Revenue Code and applicable tax regulations restrict the ability of family members and other persons to provide direct financial support to their choice of students through this scholarship for the purpose of obtaining or creating a tax benefit. Such a gift would be a gift to an individual and not a gift to our Institution. These funds have been obtained by donors with an intent to benefit students of the Institution generally.

3. We understand that failure to adhere to our scholarship program could impact our Institution’s tax-exemption status and that our Institution should carefully consider obtaining independent financial and/or tax advice before making any scholarships under this program.

4. We understand that a scholarship which is attached in any way to the fact that the student is an intern, staff member, or otherwise employed by the Institution, may be "taxable income" to the student. Scholarships given in relation to a student’s employment are NOT eligible for this matching scholarship.

5. We understand that no provisions of this policy constitute or may be relied upon as legal or tax advice by our Institution or any individual involved in this scholarship program.

Printed Name

Date

Signature

Title or Position

Check Number

Check Amount

_____ Scholarship Recipient’s Name	_____ Recipient’s Baylor ID Number
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