BAYLOR UNIVERSITY
BAPTIST MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Baylor University, in cooperation with the Baptist General Convention of Texas, provides tuition assistance to Baptist* students who are preparing for careers in church-related vocational ministry. The amount of the Ministry Scholarship is 20% of tuition for Baylor undergraduate hours.

Additional scholarship assistance may be available for ministry students who demonstrate financial need. **In order to determine eligibility for the additional assistance, the applicant must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov).** Please note that Ministry Scholarship recipients are ineligible for the state-funded Tuition Equalization Grant, per State of Texas regulation.

To be eligible a student must:
1. Show evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry.
2. Demonstrate a lifestyle of commitment to the principles of the Christian life.
3. Be an active member of a Baptist* church.
4. Provide certification from his/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.

The following completed documents are required to make initial application for the Ministry Scholarship:
1. Ministry Scholarship application, including testimony of personal call to vocational ministry.
2. Church Certification form.
3. Letter of recommendation and support from the pastor of the certifying church (may be completed by the pastor as a part of the scholarship application form or may be filed separately by the pastor).

These documents are to be filed prior to the beginning of the semester for which the scholarship application is being made and can be obtained in person, by mail or email. Send all documents to:

MINISTRY GUIDANCE OFFICE
Department of Religion
Baylor University
One Bear Place #97284
Waco, TX 76798-7284
Fax: (254) 710-3740

*First year students must be certified by a Baptist church. Annual renewal of the Ministry Scholarship will require certification by a local school-year Baptist General Convention of Texas church.*

Qualifying students who accept this Ministry Scholarship assistance commit themselves to take Religion 2480 "Introduction to Ministry" at some point in their studies at Baylor. The course includes a five hour/week ministry internship. A ministry-vocations assessment, intended to assist in self-awareness and call clarification, is also a requirement of this scholarship program and is a part of the Religion 2480 course. Failure to complete the Religion 2480 course will prevent the student from graduating from Baylor University unless the Ministry Scholarship is repaid.

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RENEWAL PROCESS

Eligibility for the Ministry Scholarship must be reviewed and reaffirmed annually. The student will complete a renewal application form prior to May 15 each year. *The student must meet the following renewal requirements:*

1. Demonstrate a lifestyle of commitment to the principles of the Christian life.
2. Provide a completed Church Certification Renewal Form, thereby furnishing evidence of the student’s involvement with, support of, and commitment to a local cooperating BGCT church. (*Ministry Scholarship recipients are urged to become involved with a local school-year BGCT church early in the school year and to identify themselves to the pastor and staff of the local school-year BGCT church, so that requirement #2 can be met satisfactorily at the time of the renewal application.*)
3. Provide a written reaffirmation of a sense of call to church-related vocational ministry and a desire to continue to receive the Ministry Scholarship.
4. Meet the Baylor University standards for measurable satisfactory academic progress, as defined by the Statement of Satisfactory Academic Progress (copies available from the Baylor University Office of Academic Scholarships and Financial Aid).
5. Be in compliance with any additional requirements or policies of Baylor University and the Baptist General Convention of Texas, for which official notification has been previously given.

For further information, please contact the Ministry Guidance Office, (254) 710-3739. The Ministry Guidance Office is located on the Baylor campus in the Tidwell Bible Building, Room 106.