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

Pastor or Church Leader and Student,

Each applicant to the Ministerial Financial Assistance program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT), must annually reaffirm their call to church-related vocational ministry and furnish evidence, by way of written testimony of the pastor (or church leader) of the student’s involvement with, support of, and commitment to a local cooperating BGCT church.

The forms below (student and pastor/church leader) will provide the necessary evidence.

In providing this evidence, the church commits their support, along with other BGCT churches, to this ministry student.

Thank you for honoring this sacred trust.

The Theological Education Council, BGCT

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 that 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)
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STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

Name: ___________________________  Permanent Address: ___________________________
Email: ___________________________  Street: ___________________________
Name of Church: ___________________  City, State, Zip: ___________________________
Name of School: ___________________  ___________________________

During the preceding academic year I have been involved with, supportive of, and committed
to the ministries of this BGCT church in the following ways:

Paid leadership responsibilities: _______________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
Volunteer leadership or service: _______________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
Other involvement or means of support: _______________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________
_________________________________________________________________________________

I hereby reaffirm my covenant with the churches, my sense of calling to a church-related
vocation and my desire to continue 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’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________
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 student)

- is involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this BGCT 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 2 of the form. This congregational certification has been acted upon by:

(check all that apply)

- Ordination of student on ______________________________. (date)
- Licensing of student on ______________________________. (date)
- Adoption of statement of certification above by congregation on ______________________________. (date)
- 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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I affirm this student’s certification renewal 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: _____________________________________       Signed: ___________________________________________

(Pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor)                                               (Church Clerk)