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

To be completed by STUDENT

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)
STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

Name: ____________________________

Email: ____________________________

Name of Church: __________________

Permanent Address:

Street: ____________________________

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:

Sign the following reaffirmation, give this form to your pastor or church leader to complete (pages 3-4), then return the completed forms along with any other materials required by your institution:

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: ____________
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**CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION**

(Check ✓ and complete the appropriate sections below)

☐ 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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*Forms sent electronically or via fax are NOT ACCEPTED. Please return this form with original signatures to: Scholarship Services, Truett Theological Seminary Baylor Univ., One Bear Place #97126, Waco TX 76798-7126*
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)