

APPLICATION FOR BOZEMAN MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The First Baptist Church, Laurens, South Carolina

(Please print or type)

First Time Applicant

Please check one:
 Re-application

Currently Receiving Aid

1. Name _____
Last First Middle

2. Permanent Address _____
Street City State/Zip Telephone

3. School Address _____
Street City State/Zip Telephone

4. Date of Birth _____ Marital Status _____

5. Church Membership: Name _____
Address _____
Street City State/Zip Telephone

6. Summarize briefly your relationship, if any, to The First Baptist Church in Laurens (years of membership, family relationships, and related matters.) _____

7. What is your ministerial status? _____ Recommended _____ Licensed _____ Ordained
By Whom? _____ When? _____

8. For what church-related vocation are you preparing? _____

9. Where are you enrolled? _____
Address _____
Street City State/Zip Telephone

10. What degree program are you pursuing? _____

11. For which portion of the academic year are you seeking scholarship aid?
Dates _____ Course Load _____ hours

12. When do you expect to complete your ministry training? _____

(over)

13. **If this is your first application**, or if you've never been approved for a scholarship in previous applications, using a separate sheet of paper, please describe the development of your Christian faith, your call to the ministry, and the purpose of theological education in your life.

OR

If you've already received a Bozeman Scholarship and this is a renewal of your request for aid, please attach a letter of reference from one of your professors and a transcript.



If my plans for the academic period covered by this application do not materialize, I promise to return the funds to The First Baptist Church in Laurens. I will inform the church of my academic progress.

Date _____

Signature _____

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Received _____

Committee Action _____

Amount _____

Mailed _____

PLEASE RETURN TO:

Bozeman Ministerial Scholarship
First Baptist Church
300 West Main Street
Laurens, SC 29360

If you have any questions you may call Tana Adams at
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James B. Bozeman Ministerial Scholarship Guidelines for Distribution of Funds

With appreciation to Mrs. Nell Bozeman for gifts to the First Baptist Church of Laurens in memory of her late husband, James B. Bozeman, designated by her to be used for scholarship aid to ministerial students, the following principles shall govern the distribution of earnings from the investment of said funds with Baptist Foundation of South Carolina.

1. A Scholarship Committee shall be responsible for the distribution of available scholarship funds to qualified ministerial students and institutions, with the Financial Secretary responsible for administering these grants upon the recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and with the approval of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Laurens. The Scholarship Committee shall be composed of three church members who serve for an indefinite period with no rotation. This committee shall be appointed by the Board of Deacons and should a vacancy occur due to resignation or death, the Deacons shall appoint a replacement for the Committee.
2. Availability of scholarship funds shall be made known by the First Baptist Church of Laurens to each known eligible student personally and/or by public announcement no later than June 1 and November 1 of each year.
3. To be eligible to submit an application for scholarship aid, a ministerial student shall be defined as a person who is pursuing a full-time course (9 semester hours or more) of academic studies in preparation for a church-related vocation in the Christian ministry. The applicant must give written evidence of a vital Christian experience, a divine call, stability of purpose, and a growing Christian personality.
4. To be considered for scholarship aid, a ministerial student must be registered as a student or accepted for admission and must submit the required application for each aid period. The application deadlines shall be July 1 and December 1 of each fiscal/academic year.
5. The scholarship aid funds earned in each fiscal year may be awarded twice during the succeeding fiscal year, no later than August 1 and January 1. Hence, at least half of the annual earnings received shall be reserved for the second distribution of that fiscal/academic year.
6. The scholarship aid funds, together with the name of each recipient, shall be forwarded directly to the financial office of the seminary of other institution no later than August 1 and January 1.
7. The available funds shall be awarded to qualified ministerial students in amounts of not more than \$750 in any aid period, the amount to be determined by the availability of funds and the number of qualifying ministerial students. If circumstances warrant, priority in awarding grants shall be established by the following criteria:
 - A. First Priority for scholarships will go to a person who is, or has been, an active member of First Baptist Church in Laurens, and who currently is a
 1. Qualified ministerial student pursuing a basic professional degree or an advanced graduate degree in a seminary owned and operated by Baptists.
 2. Qualified ministerial student pursuing a basic professional degree or an advanced graduate degree in an accredited university affiliated with Baptists.
 3. Qualified ministerial student pursuing a basic professional degree, or an advanced graduate degree, in an accredited seminary or university not included in the two preceding priority categories.

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4. Qualified ministerial student pursuing a pre-seminary undergraduate degree in an accredited college or university.
- B. Other consideration will be given to a student, including an international student, who is a
 1. Qualified ministerial student pursuing a basic professional degree or an advanced graduate degree in a seminary owned and operated by Baptists.
 2. Qualified ministerial student pursuing a basic professional degree or an advanced graduate degree in an accredited Baptist seminary or an accredited Baptist university not included in the preceding category.
8. After the second distribution of scholarship grants on or before January of each fiscal/academic year, any unused portion of the annual earnings may be added to the principal of the investment or retained as earnings for future distribution.
9. These policy guidelines may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Deacons.
10. The Scholarship Committee shall make an annual report to the Deacons.

Priority for Scholarship Awards

See No. 7 above as reference.

7.A.1 Seminaries owned and operated by the Southern Baptist Convention:

- Golden Gate Seminary, San Francisco, CA
- Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
- New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, TX
- Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- Midwestern Seminary, St. Louis, MO

7.A.2 Examples of universities affiliated with a state convention within the Southern Baptist Convention:

- Mercer
- Samford
- Gardner-Webb
- Baylor

7.A.3 Example of an accredited seminary or university not included above:

- Harvard Divinity School

7.A.4 Examples of accredited colleges or universities:

- Furman University
- Clemson University
- University of South Carolina

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