



The FBA Ministerial Student Scholarship First Time Applicants Letter

First time scholarship applicants, please read and follow instructions carefully, and submit all materials completely by the deadline published.

Eligibility

Students who meet the following criteria are eligible for the scholarship consideration. The applicant:

1. Is currently serving in a church designated ministerial position at a supporting member church.
Position can be full-time, part-time, or volunteer.
2. Is enrolling in a ministry related bachelor's or master's degree program at a Southern Baptist college which is affiliated with a state or the national Southern Baptist Convention, or a Southern Baptist seminary whose graduates are endorsable by a mission or ministry agency of the SBC. Doctoral programs are not included in the scholarship program.
3. Is a citizen of the United States, or legally documented immigrant.

Application Process – First Time Applicants

Application materials must be received by no later than two weeks after the beginning of a semester to be eligible for consideration for that semester's expense. The following materials should be submitted:

1. **Completed application form**
2. **A typed request letter that includes the following:**
 - a. **Personal testimony regarding salvation and call to ministry**
 - b. **Explanation of current ministry position and responsibilities**
 - c. **Course of study to be pursued, and statement of career objectives**
 - d. **Statement of financial resources to be applied toward your education**
3. **Letter of reference from current pastor. If serving as a pastor of a member church, reference letter should come from a church elected officer with direct knowledge of the applicant's work.**
4. **Verification of Enrollment and Account Statement from approved college or seminary.**

Selection Process

Recipients will be selected by the Florida Baptist Association directors based on application materials provided. All scholarship applicants will be notified of the directors' decision by email or postal mail. Payment for eligible applicants will be made to the recipient's school of choice upon notification and in accordance with the school's scholarship guidelines.

Award

Scholarships are need-based, and will be payable to the recipients' educational institution.

Limitations are as follows:

1. The total amount of scholarship funds to be distributed in a given year will be based upon the accrued value gain of the FBA investment from which the scholarships are drawn.
2. Individual scholarship awards will vary based upon the student's expenses. Maximum per semester award will be 75% of the applicant's actual out of pocket expenses for tuition and fees.
3. Maximum lifetime award will not exceed \$12,000 for bachelor's degrees, and \$10,000 for Master's.

Questions

If you have questions or need further information, please contact Sean McMahon at 850-877-7600 or smcmahon@floridabaptistassociation.org



FBA Scholarship Application Form
Semester: _____

Please complete this form. Information must be typed or printed directly on this form.

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____
Email: _____

Church Name: _____
Church Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Phone: _____

Staff Position: _____ Employment Date: _____
Status: (check one) Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Volunteer _____
Supervisor*: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

*(*If you are the Pastor, list the chair of Deacons, Elders or Personnel please)*

College or Seminary: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP _____
Admissions / Registrar Office Telephone: _____

Student ID number: _____
Degree seeking: _____
Hours required to graduate: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Anticipated "out of pocket" tuition costs for upcoming semester: \$ _____
List any scholarships, grants, or gifts receiving designated for education (and amount):

Return all completed application materials to the FBA via:

Mail: The Florida Baptist Association, 1839 Jaclif Court, Tallahassee, FL 32308
Email: Scan all docs as a .pdf and email to smcmahon@floridabaptistassociation.org
Fax: 850-877-3129

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