



University of Mary Hardin-Baylor

Ministry Scholarship Information

The Baptist General Convention of Texas, in cooperation with the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor provides tuition assistance to Baptist students who are preparing for careers in ministry. The Ministry Scholarship is in the amount of \$50 per semester hour for Freshmen and Sophomores and \$75 per semester hour for Juniors and Seniors. To be eligible a student must be:

1. An active member of a Baptist church.
2. Planning to pursue vocational Christian ministry, as evidenced by a personal testimony.
3. Certified for ministry by a Baptist church, either by license, ordination, or statement of certification.

The following completed documents are required to make an application for the Ministry Scholarship:

1. Ministry Scholarship application.
2. Church Certification form.
3. Letter of recommendation and support from the pastor of the certifying Baptist church.
4. Applicant's written testimony of call and commitment to ministry.

These documents are to be on file prior to the beginning of the semester for which the scholarship application is being made. Send all documents to:

Dr. Leroy Kemp
Director of In-Service Guidance
900 College St, UMHB Box 8422
Belton, TX 76513-2599

Qualifying students who accept this Ministry Scholarship assistance commit to taking at least a Minor in Christian Studies to include the following courses:

CSMN 1320: Introduction to Christian Ministry (This course should be taken the first or second semester after you are approved for the scholarship. It requires a \$25 fee in addition to the regular tuition).

CSCH 3310: History of Baptists

CSMN 4316: Supervised Ministry Practicum

Scholarship recipients are also required to attend monthly meetings (first Friday of each month) of Crusaders for Christ, a campus organization of Ministerial students for the purpose of fellowship, inspiration, and enrichment.

MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

Eligibility for the Ministry Scholarship must be reviewed and reaffirmed annually. The student will complete a renewal application form prior to May 1 each year. The following renewal requirements must be met by the student:

- 1. Demonstrate a life-style of commitment to the principles of the Christian life, as perceived by Texas Baptists.**
- 2. Furnish written evidence from the pastor of a local church cooperating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas of the student's attendance at, support for, and commitment to the local church.**
- 3. Provide written reaffirmation of a sense of call to ministry and a desire to continue to receive the Ministry Scholarship.**
- 4. Make satisfactory progress toward a degree according to UMHB standards.**
- 5. Be in compliance with any additional requirements or policies of UMHB and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.**

For further information, please contact Dr. Leroy Kemp, Director of In-Service Guidance (254) 295-4622. The In-Service Guidance Office is located in Heard Hall, Room 204 on the UMHB campus.

**MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR**

Name _____

Social Security # or UMHB Student ID # _____

UMHB Degree sought: _____ Major: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

UMHB Address: _____ Phone: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Name of Certifying Church _____

Church Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: (____) _____

Name of Certifying Pastor _____

WHICH AREA BEST CHARACTERIZES YOUR MINISTRY DIRECTION?

<input type="checkbox"/> Preaching/Pastoral	<input type="checkbox"/> Missions	<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth	<input type="checkbox"/> College
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
<input type="checkbox"/> Undecided	<input type="checkbox"/> Children	

I hereby apply for the Ministry Scholarship program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

I certify that I have read the Ministry Scholarship Information sheet and I understand there are requirements to be met annually for continued participation in the scholarship program.

I affirm that by my acceptance of the Ministry Scholarship assistance I establish a contract with the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

I agree to comply with the rules and regulations of the Ministry Scholarship program.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

CHURCH CERTIFICATION FORM
Ministerial Tuition Assistance Program
BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS

Dear Church Leader:

In recognition of the divine call of God felt by those who minister, churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) provide tuition assistance to Baptist* students who are preparing for careers in church-related vocations in Texas Baptist Schools.

Four participants are recognized in the Ministerial Tuition Assistance (MTA) program – (1) the student who, responding to God’s call, is set aside by (2) a local church that pools resources with other cooperating churches and entrusts these resources to (3) BGCT and its (4) partner schools.

Each applicant for the MTA program must show evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry, must demonstrate a life-style of eommitment to the principles of Christian life, and must be an active member of a Baptist* church.

The applicant is required to provide certification from his or 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.

In submitting this application for certification, your church joins the Baptist General Convention of Texas and related schools in being faithful stewards of mission funds entrusted to them by cooperating churches to provide tuition funds for students.

Thank you for joining in this sacred trust.

The Theological Education Committee, BGCT



INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CHURCH:

Complete the “Church Information Section” and the “Church Certification Section” related to the appropriate form of certification.

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE STUDENT:

Complete the “Student Information Section” and return the completed forms to:

Dr. Leroy Kemp
University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
900 College St., UMHB Box 8422
Belton, TX 76513

STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Social Security Number: ____-____-____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION

Signatures attest to information in "Church Certification Section"

Name of Church: _____

Association: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Signed: _____ Pastor

City, State, Zip: _____

Signed: _____ Church Clerk

CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION

(Complete one or more portions, as appropriate)

Statement of Certification:

The following statement was read to the congregation and approved by a vote of the congregation on:
_____ (Date)

"We hereby certify that _____ is an individual who:
(Name of Applicant)

- is an active member of our church
- has shown evidence of a divine call to Christian ministry
- has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related vocational ministry
- has demonstrated a life-style of commitment to the principles of the Christian life

And, therefore, we recommend this person for the Ministerial Tuition Assistance program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

License:

_____ was licensed to the gospel ministry by our church on _____
(Name of Applicant) (Date)

Ordination:

_____ was ordained to ministry by our church on _____
(Name of Applicant) (Date)

*** First year students must be certified by a Baptist church. Annual renewal of MTA will require certification by a church affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.**

PASTOR'S LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

(To be completed by the pastor, either as a part of the application form or as a letter from the pastor mailed separately to UMHB In-Service Guidance Director; may be on separate letterhead)

TESTIMONY OF PERSONAL CALL TO MINISTRY
(To be completed by Applicant)