



South Texas School of Christian Studies Ministerial Scholarship

Please see the eligibility requirements for the Ministerial Tuition Assistance Program listed below. If all accounts are met you are eligible for the Ministerial rate. All paperwork must be completed by the first week of the semester and sent to:

**South Texas School of Christian Studies
7000 Ocean Drive
Corpus Christi, TX 78412**

- Statement of Cooperation** (required first year and every Fall semester thereafter)
 - Written Testimony of Call to Ministry**
 - Church Certification Form**-If applicable a copy of License/Ordination Certificate is required
 - Letter of Recommendation** from a pastor (required first year only)
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The following items are also required; however, they cannot be completed until after you are enrolled:

- Church Participation Form**-verification by a minister of active participation in the services and ministry of a church.
- Contract of Agreement**
- Required Courses** are listed below.

Bachelor Students:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RED/PTH/YMN 1100 | Introduction to the Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTH 4331 | History of Christianity (Non-Baptist Students Only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTH 3311 | Church and Denomination (Baptist Students Only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PTH 4300 | Christian Doctrines |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BIB 2391 | Biblical Interpretation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CCS/RED/PTH/YMN 3200 | Supervised Ministry |

Certificate in Ministry Students:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MIN 1117 | Preparation for Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MIN 1131 | Basic Christian History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MIN 1132 | Basic Christian Doctrines |

Baptists Students Only:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MIN 1123 | Baptist History |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MIN 1124 | Baptist Distinctives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MIN 1125 | Baptist Denominational Relationships |

If you have questions, please call 361.991.9403.

STATEMENT OF COOPERATION

GUIDELINES/REQUIREMENTS FOR MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Howard Payne University and the Baptist General Convention of Texas are cooperating to provide financial assistance to those students who are preparing for careers in Ministry. Guidelines for receiving the scholarship have been set by the Christian Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIAL PARTICIPATION

- A. Declare intentions to clarify a calling and seek the support, help and guidance of the University.
- B. Make a public commitment to career ministry.
- C. Apply for admission to the Ministerial Tuition Aid Program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas through HPU.
- D. Furnish the university with evidence of a call to ministry in the form of a license, certificate of ordination, or a statement of certification from a cooperating Baptist church. Each Fall semester thereafter a Church Certification Renewal Form is required to be completed by a church cooperating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.
- E. Furnish evidence of a personal call to ministry by means of verbal and written testimony.
- F. Provide a letter of recommendation and support from the pastor of a cooperating Baptist church.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- A. Demonstrate a lifestyle of commitment to the principles of the Christian life on and off campus.
- B. Furnish evidence by a local minister of a church cooperating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas church verifying student's attendance at and support for the local church.
- C. Provide written reaffirmation of a sense of call to ministry, and a desire to continue to receive ministerial tuition aid assistance.
- D. Make progress toward a degree program of the university while maintaining a satisfactory academic standing.
- E. Comply with any additional requirements or policies of the university or the BGCT.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE AND WILL COOPERATE FULLY IN THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS WILL RESULT IN THE FORFEITURE OF THE MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP.

DATE

SIGNATURE

SOCIAL SECURITY #

CLASSIFICATION

TESTIMONY OF CALL TO MINISTRY

Please rate in order of your preference (i.e. 3 Pastor; 1 Min. of Youth; 2 Associate Pastor; etc.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Associate Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Minister of Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Minister of Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> Minister of Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Pianist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Organist | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify): _____ | |

EXPERIENCE

DATE

STUDENT SIGNATURE

Church Certification Form

Ministerial Scholarship 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) the 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 commitment 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

The logo for the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) features the letters "BGCT" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A horizontal line extends from the right side of the "T", ending in a small arrowhead pointing to the right.

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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 along with the Testimony of Call to Ministry, the Statement of Cooperation, and the Pastor’s

Letter of Recommendation to:

South Texas School of Christian Studies

Howard Payne Extension Campus – Corpus Christi

7000 Ocean Drive

Corpus Christi, Texas 78412

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 _____.
(name of Baptist school)

License:

_____ was licensed to the gospel ministry by our church on _____
(name of applicant) (Date)

Ordination:

_____ was ordained to the gospel 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.