



## School of Christian Studies Ministerial Tuition Assistance Program

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 Fall semester and sent to:

**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)
- 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:

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <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:

- |                                   |                           |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <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:

- |                                   |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <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

The South Texas School of Christian Studies is providing financial assistance to those students who are preparing for careers in ministry.

### I. Requirements for initial participation

- A. Declare intentions to clarify and seek the support, help and guidance of the university.
- B. Make a public commitment to career ministry.
- C. 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 church.
- D. Furnish evidence of a personal call to ministry by means of verbal and written testimony.
- E. Provide a letter of recommendation and support from the pastor of a 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 church minister 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. Completing required courses.
- E. Comply with any additional requirements or policies of the university.

I have read the above and will cooperate fully in the application requirements. I understand that failure to comply with the requirements will result in the forfeiture of the ministerial scholarship.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_  
Students Social Security #



# CHURCH CERTIFICATION FORM

## Ministerial Tuition Assistance Program

### Dear Church Leader:

In recognition of the divine call of God felt by those who minister, South Texas School of Christian Studies provides tuition assistance to students who are preparing for careers in church-related vocations.

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 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 South Texas School of Christian Studies in being faithful stewards of scholarship money.

Thank you for joining in this sacred trust.

Blessings,

Tony Celelli  
President of SCS

### 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, Contract of Agreement, and the Pastor's Letter of Recommendation to:**

**School of Christian Studies  
7000 Ocean Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412  
361.991.9403**

## Student Information Section

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

## Church Information Section

Signatures attest to information in Church Certification Section

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Pastor): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (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).

**AWe hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is an individual who:**

(Name of applicant)

- \$ **is an active member of our church**
  - \$ **has shown evidence of a divine call the 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.**

### 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)

# Local Church Participation Form

Please have the pastor/church staff of a local church to verify your church participation by signing below and returning it to:

School of Christian Studies  
7000 Ocean Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX 78412.

This is one of the requirements to receive the ministerial scholarship. Please understand that if the form is not received by the first week of the semester your scholarship will be delayed or forfeited.

**To be completed by student:**

Student \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Church Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of church if currently a staff member

\_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by pastor/church staff:**

This is to verify the above named student is in attendance of and shows support and commitment to:

\_\_\_\_\_ Church.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor/Staff Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Contract of Agreement Ministerial Tuition Assistance Program**

Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Contract of Agreement: I am a student with a calling to church-related vocational ministry. I have completed the materials for the application to participate in the Ministerial Scholarship program. I understand that I have obligations to cooperate with the requirements each and every year that I am a participant in this program.

I understand that the funds come from the School of Christian Studies. I am aware that these funds represent a desire to train students for church related vocational ministry.

I pledge to demonstrate integrity with regard to the purpose of the funds and the requirements associated in the developing of my calling to vocational ministry.

I will visit with the President if I come to the conclusion that I do not meet any of the criteria for receiving Ministerial Scholarship funds. In such a situation I understand that I will no longer receive these funds.

I understand that receiving the Ministerial Scholarship funds does not resolve my responsibility to pay my obligation.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

President signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_