

# Missions – Scholarship Policy

## A. Our Purpose

1. To encourage our SBC young people in their pursuit of Christian ministry.
2. To maintain contact and encourage our SBC young people and also to encourage them to attend SBC approved Christian colleges and seminaries.
3. Since all students have not determined their vocation in the first two years of college, all students are eligible for scholarships their freshman and sophomore years providing they have met all criteria outlined in this policy. However, to remain eligible after their sophomore year, they must declare that their collegiate and seminary studies will be for the purpose of Christian ministry as stated in A-1.

## B. Our Personnel

The Scholarship Committee will be composed of our Pastor, youth pastor, one deacon and two appointed from the church at large by the deacons. The committee shall receive and process applications and make recommendations to the deacons in awarding scholarships.

## C. Our Program

1. All recipients of the SBC scholarship fund must:
  - a) Be an active member of SBC and have been in the youth group for at least their senior year in high school.
  - b) Be a full-time student (14 hours in undergraduate and 12 hours in graduate studies).
  - c) Maintain a “C” average or better.
2. Scholarships will be awarded in the following increments per year and designated for tuition and/or books.
  - a) For those called to be Pastors or Missionaries:

Freshman - \$500.00	Junior - \$1,000.00	Seminary - \$1000.00
Sophomore - \$500.00	Senior - \$1,000.00	
  - b) For those in other areas of Christian ministry:  
Freshman, Sophomore, Junior & Senior - \$500 each year
3. **ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 10**
  - a) Grade transcripts for the previous year of school/college must be presented to the Scholarship Committee (or church office) no later than September 10.
  - b) Scholarships will be awarded in the fall semester and based on the previous year grade point average.
  - c) After their sophomore year, each student who applies for a scholarship must also meet with the committee and verbally give their testimony of salvation experience and declare their major study of education and future ministry plans.
  - d) Exceptions to the application deadline will be granted by the committee on an individual basis.
4. Students receiving scholarships should be willing to communicate with the committee on an individual basis while in college/seminary for the purpose of keeping the church informed as to the students current ministries, prayer requests and other needs.
5. All checks will be made payable to the student and school.
6. There may be exceptions made to these general policies, they will be made on an individual basis.

## D. Our Principal

1. Funds will be taken from the missionary budget designated for Scholarship Fund as approved annually by the church.
2. Scholarships are gifts – not loans. If a student was granted a Christian ministry scholarship and then did not finish their ministry training or did not enter Christian ministry after graduation, the student should return to the church the funds received so that they can be used to assist others in pursuit of Christian ministry as outlined in this policy.

## E. Grants

A love offering will be considered for any SBC member entering Christian ministry at the time of their call to their local church ministry or commissioning to the field.