

“For I  
know the  
plans I  
have for  
you,”  
declares  
the Lord,  
“plans to  
prosper  
you and  
not to  
harm you,  
plans to  
give you  
hope and  
a future.”  
Jeremiah  
29:11

# UNDERGRADUATE MINISTRY STUDENT BGCT GRANT APPLICATION

To be completed by:  
Students applying for a  
Baptist General Convention of Texas Grant

**Deadlines for Fall, Spring, and Summer applications are the  
last add/drop date of each semester.**

**No applications for the current school year  
will be accepted after April 1.**



**DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
Gary Cook Graduate School of Leadership

NAME (Please Print):

SS:

ID:

### GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- *First Year Baptist Ministry Grant* recipients must successfully complete RELI 1310: Introduction to Christian Ministry, during the respective school year.
- Applicants must have a sense and show evidence of a divine call to a career in vocational or bi-vocational church related Christian ministry.
- Applicants must demonstrate a lifestyle of commitment to the principles of the Christian life.
- Applicants must annually submit a typed personal testimony expressing your call to a career in vocational or bi-vocational church related Christian ministry.
- Applicants must annually provide an endorsement, from your church, of your calling and active membership.
- Applicants must be working toward an undergraduate degree program.
- Applicants must maintain a minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 2.0.
- Recipients must be active members of DBU's Ministry Fellowship. See the Ministry Fellowship Section of Blackboard for additional information.

### APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- STEP ONE: Ministry Student Grant/Scholarship Application**  
Complete the Student Information Section by printing clearly in ink. *New applicants* must sign the student covenant on page 5 of the application. *Renewing applicants* must sign and complete page 6 of the application. Note that for application purposes, the academic year runs fall through summer.
- STEP TWO: Personal Typed Testimony**  
***First Year Applicants*** must submit an essay (250-word minimum) expressing your personal call to a career in vocational or bi-vocational church related Christian ministry. Please be as specific as possible regarding the details of your call and what type of ministry you feel called to pursue. Include recent events in your life that have helped to affirm and clarify this call.  
***Renewal Applicants*** must submit an essay (250-word minimum) expressing how you continue to pursue your personal call to a career in vocational or bi-vocational church related Christian ministry. Please be as specific as possible regarding the type of ministry you are pursuing and include events in your life during the past year that have helped to affirm and clarify this call.  
***Final Year Applicants*** must submit an essay (250-word minimum) assessing how you have and will continue to pursue your personal call to a career in vocational or bi-vocational church related Christian ministry. Please include the type of ministry you are pursuing, accomplishments during your ministry training at DBU that have helped you affirm and clarify this call, and continued educational goals.
- STEP THREE: Church Endorsement/Pastor Recommendation**  
Your church pastor or official must endorse you as an actively involved member and provide an endorsement of your divine call to Christian ministry and your commitment to a career in vocational or bi-vocational church related Christian ministry. **First year applicants** must have your **home** church official complete the church section on page 4 of the application. Instructions for first year applicants can be found on page 3. **Renewal applicants** must have your **local** church official complete the church section on page 7 of the application.
- STEP FOUR:** Return your completed application to: **Ministry Student Program Office**. You should include your name on every page to ensure all pages make it into the appropriate file.

Note: In order to receive financial aid at DBU, applicants must annually complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* and *DBU Supplemental Application for Financial Aid and Scholarships*. Contact the Office of Financial Aid regarding forms and information.

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

*Director of Ministry Students*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Date Approved*

**NAME (Please Print):**

**SS:**

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

College Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
College Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
DBU E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Contact Computer Lab)  
Major: \_\_\_\_\_ First Year Received Grant/Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Minor: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Year Received Grant/Scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_  
Academic Year Applying For: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Hours/Classification: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check WebAdvisor)

**ID:**

**Note: Ministry students are required to check their DBU e-mail address regularly regarding the status of their grant/scholarship approval and for ministry student communication.**

**WHICH MINISTRY STUDENT GRANT/ SCHOLARSHIP ARE YOU APPLYING FOR?**

- First Year Baptist Ministry Grant** – for full-time or part-time undergraduates, affiliated with any Baptist church, who did not receive a BGCT ministry grant during the previous academic year.
- Baptist General Convention of Texas Ministry Grant Renewal**– for full-time or part-time undergraduates, affiliated with a local Baptist General Convention of Texas church.
- BGCT Junior/Senior Major/Minor Grant** – for full-time or part-time juniors or seniors, affiliated with a local Baptist General Convention of Texas church, who are majoring or minoring in Christian or Biblical Studies or Christian Ministries.
- DBU Ministry Scholarship** – for full-time undergraduates, affiliated with a Christian church. Renewal applicants must be active in and recommended by a local church.

*Note: BGCT scholarship/grant recipients should inform the Ministry Program Office when their classification changes to junior status to insure evaluation for the Junior/Senior Major/Minor Grant.*

**If you have any questions, please contact Financial Aid at (214) 333-5363, or the Director of Ministry Students, Joe Mosley, at (214) 333-5639 or [jmosley@dbu.edu](mailto:jmosley@dbu.edu). Faxes may be sent to the Director of Ministry Students at (214) 333-5905.**

**FIRST-YEAR CERTIFICATION FORM**  
Ministerial Financial Assistance for  
Students Preparing for a Church-Related Vocation  
Baptist General Convention of Texas

**Dear Student and Church Leader:**

In recognition of the special call of God felt by those who minister, churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) provide financial assistance to Baptist\* students who are preparing for church-related vocational ministry at a Texas Baptist university.

Four participants are involved in the Ministerial Financial Assistance (MFA) program – (1) **the student** who, responding to God’s call to a vocation in church-related ministry, is set aside by (2) a **local Baptist church** that pools resources with other cooperating Baptist churches and entrusts these resources to (3) the **BGCT** and its (4) partner **universities**.

Each applicant for the MFA 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 student is required to provide certification from his or her church in **one** of the following forms:  
a certificate of ordination to the gospel ministry, **or**  
a certificate of license to the gospel ministry, **or**  
a statement of certification recognizing a call to church-related vocational ministry (such as pastor, church staff, missionary, or chaplain).

The student is also required to provide a letter of recommendation from his or her pastor (or other church approved leader if student is the pastor).

In certifying a student, the church joins the Baptist General Convention of Texas and related universities in being faithful stewards of mission funds entrusted to them by Texas Baptist churches to provide tuition assistance for students.

Thank you for joining in this sacred trust.

***The Theological Education Council, BGCT***

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS (Page 4)**

Complete and sign the *Church Certification* and *Church Information* sections.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS (Page 5)**

Sign and date the *Student Covenant*, complete the *Student Information Section*,  
and return completed forms to:

School: Dallas Baptist University  
Address: 3000 Mountain Creek Parkway  
Dallas, Texas 75211

\* *First year students must be certified by a Baptist church. Annual renewal of MFA will require certification by a cooperating Baptist General Convention of Texas church.*

**FIRST-YEAR CERTIFICATION FORM**  
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 Baptist General Convention of Texas

<b>To be completed by CHURCH LEADER</b>	<b>CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION</b> (Check ✓ and complete the appropriate section below)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Ordination</b> _____ was ordained to the gospel ministry by our church on _____. <small>(name of student) (date)</small>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Licensing</b> _____ was licensed to the gospel ministry by our church on _____. <small>(name of student) (date)</small>	
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Statement of Certification:</b> If the church has not ordained or licensed this student, the following statement must be affirmed by the congregation.  <i>We hereby certify that _____</i> <small>(name of student)</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>is an active member of our church</i></li> <li>• <i>has shown evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry</i></li> <li>• <i>has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related ministry</i></li> <li>• <i>has demonstrated a Christian life-style</i></li> <li>• <i>is the kind of person our church would be comfortable recommending as a minister to serve in a church-related vocational position</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Therefore, we recommend this person for the Ministerial Financial Assistance program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at:</i></p> <p>_____</p> <small>(name of Baptist university student will attend) (date of affirmation)</small>	
	<b>CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION</b> Signatures attest to information in "Church Certification Section"	
<b>Church Name and Address</b>  Name of Church: _____ Mailing Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____	<b>Denominational Affiliations</b>  Association: _____ State/Region: _____ National: _____	
<b>Signed:</b> _____ <b>Signed:</b> _____ <small>(Pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor) (Church Clerk)</small>		

**FIRST-YEAR CERTIFICATION FORM**

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Baptist General Convention of Texas**

**To be completed by STUDENT**

**STUDENT COVENANT**

Whereas *Texas Baptist* churches have committed their cooperative missions funds to providing financial assistance to men and women who are preparing for ministry vocations in the church and,

Whereas *Texas Baptist* universities have committed to providing theological education that prepares students for vocations in church-related ministries and,

Whereas I have sensed the call of God in my life to prepare for a vocation in a church-related ministry (such as pastor, church staff, missionary, chaplain);

I hereby enter into a covenant relationship with the churches of the *Baptist General Convention of Texas* to honor the sacred trust they have placed in me through their financial support and,

Should I come to a point in my understanding of God's will for my life that I no longer sense a call to a church-related vocation,

I will immediately inform university officials and no longer accept this financial assistance provided by the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address:

Student ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION RENEWAL FORM**  
**Ministerial Financial Assistance for**  
**Students Preparing for a Church-Related Vocation**  
**Baptist General Convention of Texas**

**Pastor or Church Leader and Student,**

Each applicant to the Ministerial Financial Assistance program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT), must **annually** reaffirm their call to church-related vocational ministry **and** furnish evidence, by way of written testimony of the pastor (or church leader) of the student's involvement with, support of, and commitment to a local cooperating BGCT church.

The two forms below (**student** and **pastor/church leader**) will provide the necessary evidence.

In providing this evidence, the church commits their support, along with other BGCT churches, to this ministry student.

Thank you for honoring this sacred trust.

***The Theological Education Council, BGCT***

**To be completed by STUDENT**

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

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**During the preceding academic year** I have been involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this BGCT church in the following ways:

Paid leadership responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer leadership or service: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other involvement or means of support: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sign the following reaffirmation, give this form to your pastor or church leader to complete (page 7), then return the completed forms along with any other materials required by your institution:

***I hereby reaffirm my covenant with the churches, my sense of calling to a church-related vocation and my desire to continue to receive the Ministerial Financial Assistance provided by the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and I promise to remain in compliance with the requirements of the BGCT and this partner institution.***

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**CERTIFICATION RENEWAL FORM**  
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Baptist General Convention of Texas

**To be completed by PASTOR of CHURCH LEADER**

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's or Church Leader's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Position at Church: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK ALL THREE BOXES\***

- I confirm this student's involvement in our church as noted on page 1 of this form.
- I have talked with this student during this school year to discuss (1) the student's continued sense of call to church-related vocational ministry and (2) ways that the student might be involved in service at our church.
- I affirm this student's request to continue as a recipient of Ministerial Financial Assistance.

\*If you are unable to affirm all three statements, please explain why under "additional comments" or contact the ministry guidance office at the university/seminary.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

*(You are welcomed to provide additional comments or observations in the space below or to attach a separate sheet if more space is needed.)*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*\*Applicants should keep a copy of the completed application until financial aid has been paid.*