“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

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.
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
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: __________________________

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?

MASTER’S GRANTS

The following grants are for full-time or part-time students in one of the degree programs listed below and who are affiliated with a Baptist church. Renewal applicants must be active in and recommended by a local BGCT church. DBU matches the aid given by the BGCT.

- MA in Christian Education Grant
- MA in Christian Education and MA in Counseling Grant*
- MA in Christian Education and MA in Teaching Grant*
- MA in Christian Education and Master of Business Administration Grant*
- MA in Children's Ministry Grant
- MA in Children's Ministry and MA in Counseling Grant*
- MA in Children’s Ministry and Master of Liberal Arts Grant*
- MA in Student Ministry Grant
- MA in Student Ministry and MA in Management Grant*
- MA in Student Ministry and MA in Teaching Grant*
- MA in Christian Ministry Grant
- MA in Christian Ministry and Master of Business Administration Grant*
- MA in Christian Ministry Grant and MA in Communications Grant*
- MA in Global Leadership Grant
- MA in Global Leadership and Master of Business Administration Grant*
- MA in Global Leadership and MA in Teaching Grant*
- MA in Theological Studies Grant
- MA in Worship Leadership Grant

*This aid will cover ONLY the hours applied toward the Gary Cook Graduate School of Leadership degree.

DOCTORAL GRANTS

The following grants are for full-time or part-time students in one of the doctoral programs listed below and who are affiliated with a Baptist church. Renewal applicants must be active in and recommended by a local BGCT church. DBU matches $100 of the aid given by the BGCT.

- *Ed.D. in Educational Leadership Education Ministry Leadership Track Grant
- Ph.D. in Leadership Studies Ministry Concentration Grant

*For students entering the program by Summer 2010

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.
Faxes may be sent to the Director of Ministry Students at (214) 333-5115.
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
Ministerial Financial Assistance for Students Preparing for a Church-Related Vocation
Baptist General Convention of Texas

## CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION
(Check √ and complete the appropriate section below)

- **Ordination**
  - ____________________ was ordained to the gospel ministry by our church on __________
    - (name of student) __________
    - (date)

- **Licensing**
  - ____________________ was licensed to the gospel ministry by our church on __________
    - (name of student) __________
    - (date)

- **Statement of Certification:**
  - If the church has not ordained or licensed this student, the following statement must be affirmed by the congregation.

  **We hereby certify that** ____________________
  - (name of student)
  - is an active member of our church
  - has shown evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry
  - has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related ministry
  - has demonstrated a Christian life-style
  - is the kind of person our church would be comfortable recommending as a minister to serve in a church-related vocational position

  **Therefore, we recommend this person for the Ministerial Financial Assistance program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at:**

  - ____________________
    - (name of Baptist university student will attend) __________
    - (date of affirmation)

## CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION
Signatures attest to information in “Church Certification Section”

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Signed: ____________________  Signed: ____________________
(Pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor)  (Church Clerk)
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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
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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.

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
Ministerial Financial Assistance for Students Preparing for a Church-Related Vocation
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.