

**BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS (BGCT)
RENEWAL GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



All Applications Due 14 days before the semester begins

Name: _____
Last First MI

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Graduate program: _____

Mailing Address: _____
Address City State Zip Code

Permanent Address: _____
(if different) Address City State Zip Code

Phone Number: (____) _____ Email: _____

As you are currently understand your call to ministry, which of the following areas best characterize(s) that calling? (Check no more than 3 areas.)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Missions/Church Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-vocational |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music/ Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Children/Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling | <input type="checkbox"/> College/Singles | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Media/Arts Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Camp/Retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |

Are you currently serving on a church staff? If so, where, and in what capacity? _____

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 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

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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)

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STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

Name: _____	Permanent Address:
Email: _____	Street: _____
Name of Church: _____	City, State, Zip: _____
	Name of School: _____

To be completed by STUDENT

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 (pages 3-4), 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:** _____

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To be completed by PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADER

CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION

(Check ✓ and complete the appropriate sections below)

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 involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this BGCT 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*

This congregation affirmed this student's involvement in our church as noted on page 2 of the form. This congregational certification has been acted upon by:

(check all that apply)

- Ordination of student on _____.
(date)
- Licensing of student on _____.
(date)
- Adoption of statement of certification above by congregation on _____.
(date)
- Adoption of statement of certification above by others (specify below) representing the congregation on _____.
(date)

Representing the congregation:

- Church Committee
- Deacons
- Elders or other governing board
- Council of church staff members
- Other (please describe): _____

I have talked with this student to discuss (1) the student's sense of call to church-related vocational ministry and (2) ways that the student might be involved in service at our church.

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I affirm this student's certification renewal application for Ministerial Financial Assistance.

Pastor's or Church Leader's Name (Printed) _____

Position at Church _____

Telephone Number _____

Signature _____

Date _____

CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION

Church Name and Address

Name of Church: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Denominational Affiliations

Baptist association _____ City, State _____

Baptist state convention _____

Baptist affiliations, national _____

Signed: _____
(Pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor)

Signed: _____
(Church Clerk)

Testimony of Personal Call to Ministry

On separate paper please offer a summary description of your call to vocational ministry as you understand it at this point in time. Include why you desire to participate in the BGCT Scholarship program.

Pastor/Minister Letter of Recommendation

Please include with your application a letter of reference from a pastor or other minister who will affirm your call to ministry. This letter should be on church letterhead and may be submitted with the completed application.

Attestation

Please note that your signature below constitutes your agreement to complete the following in order to continue receiving the BGCT Scholarship:

- Maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0
- Maintain active church and ministry involvement including: active membership in a Baptist church, HBU Student Ministries activities, and develop and/or maintain personal spiritual growth
- MABL students- successful completion of 6 hours of Biblical Studies classes. For two electives MABL students applying for the BGCT scholarship will be required to take two courses 1) Hermeneutics and 2) History of Christianity, both at the MA level. These courses will cover Baptist distinctives.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

I, the undersigned minister, do agree to help the student achieve and maintain the requirements listed above.

Minister Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO:

School of Christian Thought
Houston Baptist University
7502 Fondren Road
Houston, TX 77074-3298
Fax: 281-649-3451

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

This application was received by _____ on _____.
(Name) (Date)

This application was approved by _____ on _____.
(Name) (Date)