

**ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE  
FROM  
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUND  
GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD  
6405 Sugarloaf Parkway  
Duluth, GA 30097  
770-936-5240 or 800-746-4422 X240**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

College Attending \_\_\_\_\_

The Georgia Baptist Mission Board has provided that funds made available for Ministerial Education from its annual Cooperative Program budget be distributed through the Education Commission on the following basis:

1. All ministerial aid is to be allocated to Baptist students enrolled in Georgia Baptist colleges on the basis of need.
2. The college president or designee will be responsible to ascertain said need on the part of the student and to certify to the Education Commission the names of the students to receive aid.
3. The categories of students to receive aid are as follows:
  - A. Students for the pastorate and missionary service. (This includes bivocational ministry.)
  - B. Other church-related vocations or Christian ministries, i.e.: ministers of music, ministers of education, youth workers, chaplains, and Christian social ministry.
4. The amount awarded per credit hour is to be decided by the Education Commission on the basis of the total funds available each year.
5. Each award is to be sent to the college and is to be applied toward the direct cost of the student to whom the award has been made.
6. The student is required to make a satisfactory report to the campus minister or other designated advisor concerning the following activities:
  - A. Active membership and participation in the ministerial association or the equivalent pre-professional organization on the campus (as designated by the school) or current service on church staff.
  - B. Regular participation in and a member of a Georgia Baptist Convention church.

*All on campus students should meet at least annually with the appropriate campus minister.  
Off campus students should communicate with the campus minister at least yearly by phone,  
with the exception of those off campus students currently serving on a church staff.*
7. Recipient of this aid must continue in a church-related vocation or Christian ministry for at least three years after the completion of formal education. If this requirement is not met, the recipient may be required to repay the Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention at the rate of not less than \$200 per year until all funds are repaid.
8. Recipients would normally carry a full class load in order to receive a full allocation. Exceptions may be granted to allow partial assistance based upon the number of hours for which a student is registered, especially for part-time students currently serving on a church staff.
9. The student must maintain satisfactory progress as determined by the college.

# APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE FROM MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUNDS

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, City, State, Zip

Current Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street, City, State, Zip

College Attending \_\_\_\_\_

Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior (circle one)

Fall / Spring (circle one)

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

### **Family:**

Name of parents or guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' address \_\_\_\_\_

If you are married, give the following information:

Name of spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) and age(s) of dependent children \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

### **Education:**

Date of first admission to college now attending \_\_\_\_\_

Last school you attended \_\_\_\_\_

Degree for which you are a candidate:  Christian Studies  Church Music

Tentmaker Missions (Truett McConnell students only)

Other (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

Projected date of graduation \_\_\_\_\_

### **Financial:**

Occupation of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate income of parents \_\_\_\_\_

Average monthly income for you and your spouse from all sources during the school year

\_\_\_\_\_

Average monthly income in the summer \_\_\_\_\_

Average monthly payments you make on loans, car, furniture or other items not related to tuition, room and board \_\_\_\_\_

Any other pertinent information that needs to be taken into consideration \_\_\_\_\_

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**Ministry:**

Describe your past church involvement \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List your present church membership and indicate in what ways you participate or serve \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Church-related vocation for which you are preparing (check one):

Pastor

Missionary

Minister of Music

Minister of Youth

Minister of Education

Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan to go to seminary within two years of graduation? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, which ones are you considering? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you: Licensed? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

Are you: Ordained? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

**Define your sense of calling.**

*(This is essential to the processing of your application)*

## AGREEMENTS

1. I understand and agree that the aid hereby applied for, if granted, is conditioned upon the scholastic conditions stated in the catalog of the college which I attend and upon general satisfactory conduct.
2. As a recipient of aid from the Ministerial Education Fund of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, I hereby accept in good faith the responsibility of entering a church-related vocation or ministry after leaving college. If I do not enter a church-related vocation or pursue advanced professional training for such service within one year following the date of my graduation or withdrawal from college, **I agree to make every effort to repay the aid received at the rate of not less than \$200 per year to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board, with interest at the rate of 6% per annum thereon from the date of said graduation or withdrawal from college, either in cash or by the execution of a loan instrument within a reasonable period of time. This will provide needed assistance to other students who are in preparation for ministry.**
3. I understand that the Ministerial Education Fund is provided by the churches of the Georgia Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program. As I enter a church related vocation upon graduation, I will honor the financial investment made in me by Georgia Baptists by continuing to support the Cooperative Program, insuring that future ministerial students will have the benefit of similar assistance.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

## CERTIFICATION

### **STATEMENT OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

The facts stated in this application are correct and it will be difficult to send my son/daughter to college next year if this aid is not available. I understand that this grant is to be repaid by the student if he or she fails to enter a Christian service vocation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **STATEMENT OF LOCAL CHURCH**

The undersigned hereby approve and recommend that the applicant who is a member of the \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Church of the \_\_\_\_\_ Baptist Association be given aid from the Ministerial Education Fund in order to prepare for Christian service.

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

### **STATEMENT OF CAMPUS MINISTER OR OTHER DESIGNATED STUDENT ADVISOR**

I have had a recent conference with this student and I verify that he/she is actively involved in a local Baptist church and the campus ministerial association and is seriously preparing for a Christian vocation.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **STATEMENT OF COLLEGE OFFICIAL**

This student is in need of financial assistance and is in good standing.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

(Director of Financial Aid, Registrar, or other official)

GPA last semester \_\_\_\_\_ (required)

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ (furnish if available)

### **APPROVAL BY GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION BOARD:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_