

Bible Baptist Church College Scholarship

PURPOSE: The purpose of this fund is to encourage families of young people in membership at Bible Baptist Church to attend Bible-Based, Christian colleges and universities by providing financial assistance through a church scholarship program.

ELIGIBILITY: The scholarship is offered to children whose parent(s) are members in good standing at Bible Baptist Church. The scholarship will be available to students who meet the following criteria:

- They must be accepted to and enrolled in a Christian College or University that holds to Christian, protestant doctrines that align with Bible Baptist Church's essential doctrinal beliefs (A list of pre-approved Colleges is attached to this document. Other colleges/universities can be considered on a case-by-case basis and are subject to approval by the pastor.)
- They must have maintained at least a 2.0 Grade Point Average in High School
- They must be actively attending services and activities at Bible Baptist Church
- They must complete an application for scholarship no later than July 31st
- Priority will be given to 1st year students. When all first-year scholarships are awarded, and there are still remaining funds in the scholarship fund, then 2nd year, 3rd year, and 4th year students will be considered.
- Applicants can draw scholarship funds for a maximum of 8 semesters or 4 years.
- The fund is not available to graduate students.

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT:

- The scholarship amount is capped at \$250 per semester or \$500 a year per applicant.
- Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college or university by Bible Baptist Church on the student's behalf.
- If the number of eligible applicants exceeds the amount of available funds, funds will be disbursed evenly among eligible applicants as follows:
 - If there are more first year applicants than available funds, all funds will be divided evenly among the eligible first year applicants. No additional funds will be available for 2nd, 3rd, or 4th year applicants.
 - If there are additional funds available after all 1st year applicants have received their maximum disbursement, then the remaining funds will be evenly disbursed among all eligible 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year applicants

FUNDING: The funds for the scholarship will be derived from the Benevolent Fund. The congregation will set the maximum amount of scholarship funds available each year through either budgetary approval at the yearly business meeting or direct congregational vote at any quarterly business meeting. Once designated funds are depleted, no further scholarships will be available to disbursement that year. Individuals may give directly to the scholarship fund, but direct contributions will not be available in the scholarship fund until the following calendar year.