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



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)

To be completed by STUDENT

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	Name: Email: Name of Church:	City, State, Zip:	
in the second se	to the ministries of this BGCT che Paid leadership responsibilities: Volunteer leadership or service:	year I have been involved with, supportive of, and committed urch in the following ways:	
1	Other involvement or means of support:		
	Sign the following reaffirmation,	give this form to your pastor or church leader to complete leted forms along with any other materials required by your	
	vocation and my desire to conti	with the churches, my sense of calling to a church-related inue to receive the Ministerial Financial Assistance provide General Convention of Texas; and I promise to remain in	
	compliance with the requireme	ents of the BGCT and this partner institution.	

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ER	CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION (Check ✓ and complete the appropriate sections below)			
AD	☐ Statement of Certification:			
PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADER	If the church has not ordained or licensed this student, the following statement must be affirmed by the congregation.			
CI	We hereby certify that			
UR	(name of student)			
СНІ	 is involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this BGCT church 			
)R	 has shown evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry 			
0 2	has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related ministry			
) F	has demonstrated a Christian life-style			
T	 is the kind of person our church would be comfortable recommending as a minister to serve in a church-related vocational position 			
o be completed by PA	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)			
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ple	Ordination of student on (date)			
) m	(date)			
00	Licensing of student on (date)			
þe	Adoption of statement of certification above by congregation on			
[0	 (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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Pastor s of Church Leader's Nam	ne (Printed)
Position at Church	
Telephone Number	
Signature	
Date	
	URCH 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	

Please return completed form to: LOGSDON SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY HARDIN-SIMMONS UNIVERSITY P. O. BOX 16235, ABILENE, TX 79698-6235 Fax | 325.670.1406