

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
Higher Education for Ohio Students
State Convention of Baptists in Ohio
9000 Antares Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43240

Purpose and Limitation:

- Higher Education Scholarships provide financial assistance to applicants recommended by their own home church and that are affiliated with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio. Scholarship funds will be awarded directly to colleges, universities, and seminaries. Scholarships are awarded in increments of \$450 (First Priority Applicants), \$375 (Second Priority Applicants), and \$300 (Third Priority Applicants). A maximum of four (4) scholarships (one per calendar year) shall be awarded to any given applicant.
- **A new application is required for any additional requests for scholarship funds and is to be recommended and approved by the applicant's original home church.**

Requirements for Receiving State Convention Scholarship Funds:

1. Applicant shall be a member in good standing of a Southern Baptist Church in affiliation with the State Convention Of Baptists in Ohio, and shall have been a member for a minimum of six months prior to enrollment in higher education.
2. Home church (Ohio) recommendation and approval will verify that the applicant is worthy and needs financial assistance in regard to the requested scholarship.
3. Applicant must agree to carry a normal course load of college or seminary studies in an approved institution, and seek to maintain passing grades.

Criteria for Granting Scholarships:

Scholarships will be granted if discretionary funds are available after financial needs are verified. The following criteria will determine distribution priorities:

- FIRST PRIORITY: Applicants preparing for full-time Christian service or currently serving in SBC Christian vocations (i.e. pastor, church ministry staff, church planting missionaries, or other SBC related full-time ministry positions).
- SECOND PRIORITY: Other applicants who are children of those in Christian-related vocations and face difficult financial circumstances that would justify making a request.
- THIRD PRIORITY: When possible, applications may also be considered from other applicants whose need is justifiable (especially in emergency circumstances); but, does not meet the criteria for first or second priority funding.

Documents to be Submitted Along With Completed Application:

- 1. A letter of recommendation from the applicant's current pastor, or if applicant is a pastor, from their Associational Missionary.
- 2. An enrollment confirmation letter from the educational institution's business office stating that applicant is enrolled and taking classes and containing the student ID number.

These documents, along with a completed application, must be received by the Church Services/Business Support Resource Group before a scholarship can be granted.

Procedure for Requesting and Administering Scholarships:

- Upon completion, this application is to be dated and forwarded to **SCHOLARSHIPS, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, 9000 Antares Avenue, Columbus OH 43240; Phone 614-827-1744.**
- Completed applications will be accepted in the state convention office **by Jan. 1, Apr. 1, July 1, or Oct. 1** prior to a scheduled Mission Council meeting. The Finance Committee will review each application and present recommendations to the Mission Council.
- All applications must be officially acted upon at a regular (January, April, July, and November) quarterly meeting of the State Mission Council.
- After an application is approved by the State Mission Council, scholarship funds will be sent to the designated institution and credited to the students account. The applicant will be informed of this action.

Personal Profile: (Please PRINT in ink)

Date: _____

Full name of applicant: _____

Street Address: _____

City: State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Name of Ohio church where you have your

Church Membership: _____ City: _____

SCBO Association of your membership church: _____

Educational Institution you plan to attend: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Admissions Office phone number: _____

Your Student ID # _____ What is your primary direction of course work? _____

(a) Are you currently a pastor or staff member serving a local SBC church? YES NO

(b) Are you preparing for full-time vocational Christian service? YES NO UNDECIDED

Please explain and be specific for (a) and/or (b) above. _____

Please make note: The enrollment confirmation letter from your school, must state these same term dates.

You will be a: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Other

Approximate dates that you have received previous scholarships from The State Convention of Baptists in Ohio:

Name of Southern Baptist Church you will attend while away at school: _____

City & State: _____

Please provide a brief, personal biography, which should include your salvation experience and what it is that you are pursuing with your education and why (i.e.: how you plan to use your education).

If additional space is required, please attach another sheet or use reverse side of this page. Please print!

Your Initials: _____

Describe Your Sources of Income

Total monthly income

\$ _____

Describe Your Monthly Expenses

Total monthly expenses

\$ _____

Agreement of Applicant

I understand and agree that aid hereby applied for, if granted, is conditioned upon the scholastic requirements contained in the catalog of the institution I will attend. I agree to notify the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and to repay the amount appropriated on my behalf if I should leave school or discontinue my studies during the term for which the scholarship is granted.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Certification Statement of Parent or Guardian (if under 21 years of age)

Facts as stated in this application are correct to the best of my knowledge. Scholarship funds are requested because there is genuine need for assistance.

Signature of Parent or
Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Church Approval

Applicant's Church: _____ Association: _____

- Has examined the scholarship application of _____, and hereby approve and recommend that he / she be granted financial assistance from the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio Scholarship Fund. We find that this person is a worthy candidate and has a genuine need for financial assistance.

Signature of
Pastor _____ Church Clerk _____

Date: _____ Date: _____

If applicant is a Pastor, Signature of Associational Missionary

Association _____ Date: _____

Certification of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio

The Mission Council of SCBO voted on _____ to grant an academic scholarship to _____
in the amount of \$ _____ for the academic year _____ at (School) _____

Administrative Officer, State Convention of Baptists in Ohio: _____