

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

**All Applications Due 14 days before the semester begins**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MI

H#: \_\_\_\_\_

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 |   |  |



**Dear Student and Church Leader:**

In recognition of the special call of God sensed by those who minister, churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) provide financial assistance to Baptist\* students who are preparing for church-related vocational ministry at a Texas Baptist university.

Four participants are involved in the Ministerial Financial Assistance (MFA) program – (1) **the student** who, responding to God’s call to a vocation in church-related ministry, is set aside by (2) a **local Baptist church** that pools resources with other cooperating Baptist churches and entrusts these resources to (3) the **BGCT** and its (4) partner **universities**.

Each applicant for the MFA program must show evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry, must demonstrate a life-style of commitment to the principles of Christian life, and must be an active member of a Baptist\* church.

The student is required to provide certification from his or her church in **one** of the following forms:

- a certificate of ordination to the gospel ministry, **or**
- a certificate of license to the gospel ministry, **or**
- a statement of certification recognizing a call to church-related vocational ministry (such as pastor, church staff, missionary, or chaplain).

The student is also required to provide a letter of recommendation from his or her pastor (or other church approved leader if student is the pastor).

In certifying a student, the church joins the Baptist General Convention of Texas and related universities in being faithful stewards of mission funds entrusted to them by Texas Baptist churches to provide tuition assistance for students.

Thank you for joining in this sacred trust.

***The Theological Education Council, BGCT***



**INSTRUCTIONS FOR CHURCH LEADERS (Page 3 & 4)**

Complete and sign the *Church Certification* and *Church Information* sections.

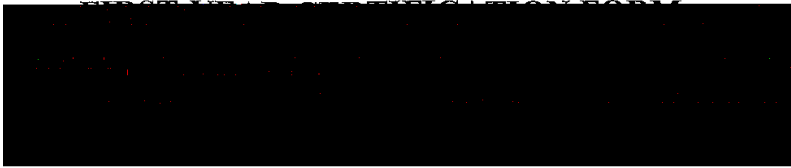
**INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS (Page 5 & 6)**

Sign and date the *Student Covenant*, complete the *Student Information Section*, and return completed forms to:

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*\* First year students must be certified by a Baptist church. Annual renewal of MFA will require certification by a cooperating Baptist General Convention of Texas church.*



**To be completed by PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADER**

**CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION**

(Check and complete the appropriate sections below)

**Statement of Certification:**



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

Pastor's or Church Leader's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Position at Church \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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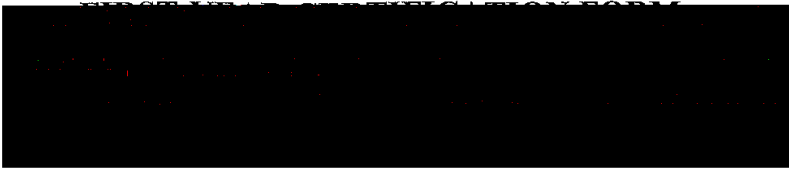
**CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION**

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*Church Name and Address*

Name of Church:

**To be completed by STUDENT**





To be completed by STUDENT

**During the preceding academic year** I have been an active member of a Baptist church and have been involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this church in the following ways:

