

Continuing Education Scholarship Application

For pastors, associate pastors, and ministry interns of MMBA churches

Scholarship Guidelines

1. Applicants must be either a pastor, associate pastor, or ministry intern of an MMBA church. A ministry intern is defined as someone who works for the church in an official capacity, paid or unpaid, for the purpose of preparing for ministry work in the future.
2. All applicants must fill out the application form in its entirety. In addition, associate pastors and ministry interns must include the Lead Pastor Recommendation form.
3. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage ministers and future ministers in their pursuit of further education that will undergird their ministry. Therefore, this scholarship will only be applied to ministry-related education programs, and only those programs that are not in opposition to the *Baptist Faith and Message, 2000*.
4. The maximum amount of this scholarship will be \$1000 per semester, up to two semesters per year. This scholarship will be paid directly to the applicant. Proof of educational expenses is required.
5. In order to ensure that the scholarship money is being used wisely, those who request scholarships for multiple semesters will be asked to provide proof of the grade that they earned in the class that the previous disbursement was applied to. The MMBA recognizes that many of those who apply for scholarships also serve in ministry, and may have a family and/or another job. For some, the effort that it would take to earn an "A" in the class might be a sin, as it would rob them from focusing on more important things. Therefore, scholarships will be granted to those who have earned a "C" or better, or some other mark that indicates that the class was acceptably completed.
6. The decision to award scholarships will rest solely with the OMC, with full discretion to approve or deny applications and to set the amount of the scholarships within these guidelines. If more requests are received than we can fulfill, priority will be given to those with a greater financial need. The decision of the OMC is final.

Return Form by Email or Mail:

Email: dom@midmarylandba.org

Mail: Mid Maryland Baptist Association
c/o CrossLife Community Church
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Elkridge, MD 21075

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Personal Information

Name of Applicant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Church of Service: _____

*If applicant is an associate pastor or ministry intern:

Name of Lead Pastor: _____

Lead Pastor's Phone: _____ Lead Pastor's Email: _____

Program Information

Name of School: _____

Program or Course of Study: _____

Degree being pursued, if applicable: _____

Attach a brief statement explaining your call to ministry, future ministry plans, and how this educational opportunity will help you in fulfilling what God has called you to.

What level of financial need do you have? Would this scholarship merely be helpful, or will your ability to take this class be determined by whether or not you receive it?

Is there anything about the school or program that you feel is in opposition to the *Baptist Faith and Message, 2000*? If so, please explain:

I have read the scholarship guidelines and have agreed to the terms. _____ Yes _____ No

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

*If applicant is an associate pastor or ministry intern, please have the lead pastor fill out the next page as part of the application process.

Continuing Education Scholarship Application Lead Pastor Recommendation

Applicant's Name: _____

Lead Pastor's Name: _____

Church Served: _____

What role or roles does the applicant fulfill at the church?

Do you see evidence of God's call to ministry in the applicant's life?

Do you believe that this applicant will do the best work possible in this class without neglecting the more important priorities of family and ministry? In other words, do you believe that this applicant has the wisdom to accept a slightly lower grade in order to remain focused on that which is more important?

Do you believe that this educational opportunity will help to prepare them for the ministry to which God has called them?

Do you have any concerns about this applicant's theology? If yes, then please explain.

I recommend this applicant to receive the educational scholarship: _____ Yes _____ No

Lead Pastor Signature: _____ Date: _____

