

Church and Convention Ministry Scholarship (CCMS) Guidelines and Application

1. The student must be a member of a Southern Baptist Church.
2. The student must be enrolled in a Tennessee Baptist college or university.
3. The student must have experienced a call by God to a full-time Christian ministry.
 - He/She will have shared their call through a public surrender in a worship service at the church of which he/she is a member.
 - The student will indicate the specific area of ministry to which he/she has been called. This may require a semester or even a year of counsel with the pastor, family, and much prayer in order for the student to define a specific area of ministry.
 - The student will attach a 1-2 page type-written account of his/her salvation experience and call to a full-time Christian ministry.
 - The pastor (or in some cases, the youth pastor) will write a confidential letter of recommendation indicating major areas of the applicant's spiritual background, present level of commitment, and the ways in which the church will maintain a continuous ministry of encouragement.
4. CCM Scholarship applications and letters from the student and pastor should be submitted to the Office of Church Services. All documents must be received by **August 1** if applying for the Fall semester and **January 1** if applying for the Spring semester.
5. The student is **required** to attend the CCMS orientation meeting and at least three CCMS sponsored events each semester. The student is expected to set goals in the areas of personal spiritual growth, ministry skill development, and local church involvement that he/she will actively pursue. These goals are to be documented and submitted to the Office of Church Services. Failure to attend these meetings or submit the required documents may result in the loss of all or a portion of the CCM Scholarship.
6. The student must maintain a **2.0 grade point average** in order to continue receiving the CCM Scholarship.
7. The student may receive the CCM Scholarship for eight semesters. Special permission from the Director of Church Services is required for an additional semester.
8. A CCMS student involved in a behavioral infraction resulting in disciplinary probation will forfeit the CCM Scholarship during the period of probation.

APPLICATION FOR CCM SCHOLARSHIP OF THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION
Union University-1050 Union University Drive-Jackson, TN 38305

(To be completed by the student.)

Name _____ Beginning Term _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address _____

Soc. Sec. # _____ Date of Birth _____

Church _____ Pastor _____

The full-time ministry to which I have surrendered my life is: (See note below concerning student's salvation experience and call to ministry.)

Signature of Student

Church Certification: (To be completed by the church.)

The _____ Baptist Church of _____ Association, acknowledges that _____ made his/her public surrender to a full-time Christian ministry in a worship service at our church on _____.

We, as a church, have carefully inquired into the character and qualifications of _____, and do hereby commission he/she be approved for a Church Convention Ministry Scholarship.

We also understand that as a part of this eligibility for approval of this scholarship, the pastor (or in some cases, youth pastor) will write a confidential letter of recommendation indicated the major areas of the student's spiritual background, present level of commitment, and ways the church will maintain a continuing ministry of encouragement to the student.

This recommendation approved by our church on _____.
(Date)

_____ Phone _____
Church Address: City State Zip

Pastor or Moderator

Church Clerk

Application for CCM Scholarship will not be considered until all required documents are received.

This application, along with the **student's letter** concerning his/her salvation experience and call to ministry and the **pastor's letter** of recommendation should be mailed to the Office of Church Services, Union University, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. All documents must be received by **August 1** if applying for the Fall semester and **January 1** if applying for the Spring semester.