



MINISTRY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

CHURCH AND VOCATIONAL MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

As an academic community affiliated with the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and as the oldest institution continuously relating to the Southern Baptist Convention, Union University is committed to providing Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society. In keeping with this commitment, Union University is pleased to offer scholarship assistance to Southern Baptist, traditional undergraduate students called into full-time vocational ministry.

Scholarship Requirements

1. Complete the Student Information section.
2. Attach a written account of your salvation experience and call to vocational Christian ministry to this application.
3. Have your church complete the Church Certification Section.
4. Have your pastor mail the completed application with confidential letter of recommendation for you to the **Ministry Leadership Program, Office of Church Relations, Union University, 1050 Union University Dr., Jackson, TN 38305**
5. Final decisions regarding eligibility will be considered by the Office of Church Relations and the Office of Student Financial Planning upon receipt of required documents.

Priority date for receiving all documents is **August 1** if applying for the Fall semester and **January 1** if applying for the Spring semester.

Section 1: Student Information: (Please Print)

Name _____ Beginning Term _____
Last First Middle
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____
Church _____ Pastor _____

The church or vocational ministry to which I have committed my life is: _____

Signature of Student

(to be completed by church)

Section 2: Church Certification:

The _____ Baptist Church of _____ Association acknowledges that the above named person has made his/her public commitment to church or vocational Christian ministry on (date) _____.

Our church has carefully inquired into the character and qualifications of this applicant and affirms his/her calling to vocational ministry.

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 indicating the student's spiritual background and present level of commitment.

This recommendation was approved by our church on (date) _____.

Church Address: _____ Church Phone _____
City, State, Zip

Signature of Pastor or Moderator

Signature of Church Clerk

Section 3: Qualifications and Guidelines

1. The student must be a member of a Southern Baptist Church.
2. The student must be enrolled at Union University.
3. The student must have experienced a call by God to vocational Christian ministry.
 - He/She will have shared this calling publically the church of which he/she is a member.
 - The student will indicate a specific area of ministry calling on the Church and Vocational Ministry Scholarship Application.

Once Scholarship is Approved:

4. The student is required to attend the Ministry Leadership orientation gathering and at least three program-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 during the semester. Written goals are to be submitted to the Office of Church Relations. Failure to attend program-sponsored events or to submit written goals may result in the loss of all or a portion of the Ministry Leadership Scholarship.
5. The student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in order to continue receiving the Church and Vocational Ministry Scholarship.
6. The student may receive the Church and Vocational Ministry Scholarship for eight semesters. To inquire about receiving the Church and Vocational Ministry Scholarship, contact your enrollment counselor.
7. A Ministry Leadership student involved in a behavioral infraction resulting in disciplinary probation will forfeit the Church and Vocational Ministry Scholarship during the period of probation.