

# Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC)

## Scholarship Practices

The ministries of the SBTC are a cooperative effort of over 2800 affiliated churches across the state of Texas. Affiliated churches fund the ministries of the SBTC through the Cooperative Program (CP) and the Reach Texas State Missions Offering. In addition to the funding allocation provided to SBC Seminaries through the CP budget formula, the SBTC provides CP funded student grants as described below.

### Applicant Requirements:

- Member in good standing at a church affiliated with the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention (SBTC)
- Student at an SBC seminary or its corresponding undergraduate college (Gateway Seminary, MBTS & Spurgeon College, NOBTS & Leavell College, SBTS & Boyce College, SEBTS & Judson College, SWBTS & Texas Baptist College)

### Application Process:

Step 1: Complete the application form.

Step 2: Ask 2 references (see requirements below) to complete a reference form.

#### Reference Requirements:

##### 1) Pastoral Reference

Each student must submit a reference from their current pastor. If the student is the pastor or related to the pastor, please request a reference from a Church Elder, Deacon Chairman, or another Pastor/Church Staff.

##### 2) Ministry/Mentor Reference **OR** Professional Reference

Ministry/Mentor Reference Examples: Church Staff Member, Deacon, Mentor, Discipleship/Bible Study Leader, etc.

Professional Reference Examples: Professor, Employer, Supervisor, etc.

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, completed applications and all required references must be received by the SBTC by the published deadline. Applicants are responsible for following up with references to ensure the form is submitted by the deadline.

### Scholarship Awards:

- Are subject to availability of funding.
- May only be used to cover school tuition, campus housing, and books.
- Are released to the appropriate school along with the name and ID number of the scholarship recipient. The school is responsible for applying the funds appropriately to the student's account.

Students will be notified of scholarship award by email. Scholarship funds that are not used for the intended purpose, student, and semester are to be returned to the SBTC.

### Scholarship Notes:

- Scholarship requests do NOT GUARANTEE scholarship award.
- Scholarships are awarded on a single semester basis. Students must re-apply for additional semesters.

**Contact Us:** For questions, please call 817-552-2500 or email us at [scholarships@sbtexas.com](mailto:scholarships@sbtexas.com)