
Continuing Education Grants for Ministerial Leaders

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be listed in the current ABC Professional Registry for consideration.
- Requests for grants must be submitted prior to attendance at the event.
- Grants are available on a first-come basis.

Cultivating New Life (CE) Grants

Annually ministerial leaders may apply for a \$300 grant to attend an educational event focused on personal and congregational renewal.

Doctor of Ministry studies

D.Min. students may apply for a \$250 grant the first two years of study.

Sabbatical Grants

Ministerial leaders may apply for a one-time sabbatical/study leave grant in the amount of up to \$1,000.

Seminarian Non-Degree Grants

Seminarians may apply for a one-time grant of up to \$100 to attend a non-degree educational program or American Baptist related conference or meeting.

Application forms are available on line at
www.abhms.org
or may be requested by calling
1.800.ABC.3USA, ext. 2067

How can you help the Scholarship Program grow?

American Baptist Home Mission Societies invites individuals, churches, and organizations to contribute to the principal of the American Baptist Scholarship Fund.

Please help American Baptist students by mailing your gift to:

American Baptist Scholarship Fund,
American Baptist Home Mission Societies
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

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Financial Aid For Studies



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Scholarship Information

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is deeply committed to the professional growth of American Baptist leaders, both lay and clergy. Through its endowed Financial Aid Program, ABHMS supports American Baptist students pursuing educational opportunities.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Membership in a Baptist church related to the American Baptist Churches, USA for a minimum of one year.
2. Enrollment in an accredited educational institution in the U.S.A. or Puerto Rico.
3. United States Citizenship

Frequently Asked Questions

May I apply for more than one grant with American Baptist Churches per academic year?

No, applications are limited to one per student, per academic year. It is unfortunate that The American Baptist Financial Aid Program cannot assist all students; our decisions are predicated on the notion that all students will absorb some educational debt.

How do I know if my church is American Baptist?

Check with your Pastor, or visit the American Baptist Home Mission Societies website at: www.abhms.org.

College and University Scholarships

Undergraduate Scholarship—Four Year Program

Applicants must be currently enrolled or entering an accredited institution in the U.S.A. or Puerto Rico as full-time students. Students participating in distance learning programs are not eligible. Scholarship amounts vary based on requests and available funding.

Scholarships are awarded for the academic year to be used for tuition and book expenses. Renewals are limited to four years of undergraduate studies.

Ethnic Scholarships

Asian American Summer Intern Grant—Asian American Baptist seminarians currently enrolled in seminary can gain ministerial experience by working in a church during the summer. For information contact your Pastor. The Pastor determines the duties of the seminarian and provides the supervision during the internship. The church will provide a stipend and the Financial Aid for Studies Program will match the stipend up to \$500. Churches may contact the Office of Financial Aid for Studies of National Ministries for additional information.

Hispanic—Students must be enrolled full-time in an accredited college (Undergraduate degree) or seminary program (first professional degree). Scholarship amounts vary according to requests and available funds. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for Studies of National Ministries for additional information.

Native American—Students enrolled full-time in college or seminary maintaining a 2.75 GPA may apply. Scholarship amounts vary according to request and available funds. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for Studies of National Ministries for additional information.

Spanish American Scholarship Fund—Students must be American Baptist of Hispanic origin, serving in a church vocation with American Baptist Churches, USA or with its recognized institutions. Students must enroll full-time in an accredited college or seminary. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for Studies of National Ministries for additional information.

International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund—Student must be from an ethnic group whose first language is or was other than English. Student must be preparing for a career in ministry in the United States with their ancestral ethnic group. Applicant must be enrolled in an accredited seminary in the U.S.A. or Puerto Rico. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for Studies of National Ministries for additional information.

Graduate Studies

Doctoral (Ph.D.) Grant—Applicants having completed at least one year of Ph.D. studies may apply for a one-time grant. Amounts vary, not to exceed \$3,000. Students must be preparing to teach at the college or seminary level, in a field of study directly related to the preparation of future American Baptist ministerial leaders. D.Min. candidates are not eligible for this grant. D.Min. candidates please refer to the Continuing Education section of this brochure.

Ellen Cushing Scholarship—Female graduate students enrolled in a course of study other than M.Div. and D.Min. may apply. Applicants must be active in their schools, churches or regions. Scholarship amount varies depending on available funding. Selection is the decision of the college alumni committee.

Seminarian Scholarships

Seminarian Support Program (SSP) - Seminarian enrolled at one of the ten American Baptist related seminaries are eligible to participate in the SSP (matching funds) program. Seminarians should contact the Financial Aid office of their seminary to request an application form. Pledges made by the church or organization will be matched up to \$1,000 per academic year. Use of SSP monies is limited to tuition and book assistance.

Individual Seminarian Grant—Seminarians attending a seminary NOT related to American Baptist Churches may apply for a grant to assist with tuition and book expenses. Seminarians must be enrolled at least two-thirds time in one of the following first professional degree programs: M.Div., M.C.E., M.A.C.E., M.R.E. (D.Min. students are not eligible, please refer to the Continuing Education section of this brochure).

Daniel E. Weiss Fund for Excellence—College juniors or seniors not pursuing a theological education, but who have been identified as having gifts and skills for pastoral work can be nominated. Nominations can be submitted by Pastor, Campus Ministers or Professors. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for Studies for additional information.