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Continuing Education Grants For Ministerial Leaders

Applicants need to be listed in the current ABC Professional Registry for consideration.

Continuing educations requests 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 one-time for a sabbatical/study leave grant in the amount of up to \$1,000.

Seminarian Non-Degree Grant - 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.

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Frequently asked questions?

1. Can I apply for more than one grant program with American Baptist Churches?
 - a. Students are limited to one scholarship per year. It is unfortunate that The ABC Financial Aid Program can not assist all students; our decisions are predicated on the notion that all students will absorb some educational debt
2. What does the deadline date really mean?
 - a. All materials must be received in Valley Forge, PA prior to May, 31.
3. I am a member of a Baptist Church, but I'm told it's not American Baptist. What does that mean?
 - a. There are several Baptist Denominations: National Baptist, Progressive Baptists, Southern Baptist, Independent Baptists, and many more. Check with your Pastor to learn about your church affiliation.

How can I help the Scholarship Program grow ?

National Ministries is deeply committed to the professional growth of American Baptist leaders, both lay and clergy. Through its endowed Financial Aid Program, National Ministries supports American Baptist students pursuing educational opportunities.

National Ministries invites individuals, churches, and organizations to contribute to the principal of the American Baptist Scholarship Fund.

Gifts made payable to the American Baptist Scholarship Fund can be mailed to National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, P.O. Box 851 Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

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Scholarship Information

Requirements for all applicants:

- ❖ Applicant must be a member of an American Baptist church for at least one year before applying for aid. Visit our Website at www.nationalministries.org to determine if your church is ABC.
- ❖ Applicant must be enrolled at an accredited educational institution in the U.S. or Puerto Rico. Students participating in distance learning programs are not eligible.
- ❖ Applicant must be a United States citizen.

Application forms available at www.nationalministries.org
Or call 1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2067.

Deadline for submitting applications is May, 31, unless otherwise noted.

Undergraduate Scholarships

Undergraduate Scholarships –

Applicants must be entering an accredited institution in the U.S. Puerto Rico as a full time freshman. Scholarship amounts vary based on the number of applicants and available funds. Scholarships are awarded for the current academic year of September to June. Scholarships are used to assist with tuition expenses and books. If a student maintains a 2.75 grade point average, they may reapply for the next academic year. Renewals are limited to four years of undergraduate studies.

Daniel E. Weiss Fund for Excellence -

Candidates must be a college junior or senior who is not pursuing a theological education, but who exhibit gifts and skills for ministry. Pastors, Campus Ministers, or College Professors wishing to nominate a student should contact the Office of Financial Aid for Studies at 1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2067 for additional information.

Ethnic Scholarships

Hispanic – Students must be enrolled full time in an accredited college (undergraduate degree) or in a seminary program (first professional degree) may apply for a scholarship of up to \$500 per academic year.

Native American – Students enrolled full time in college or seminary may apply for scholarships of up to \$2,000 per academic year. Scholarship amounts vary according to the number of requests and the amount of available funds. If a student maintains a 2.75 grade point average, they may reapply for the next academic year.

Spanish American Scholarship Fund –

Applicant must be American Baptist of Hispanic origin. Applicant must be serving in a church vocation with American Baptist Churches, USA or with its recognized institutions. For information contact the Office of Hispanic Ministries of National Ministries, 1-800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2421.

International Baptist Seminary

Scholarship Fund – Applicant must be from an ethnic group whose first language is or was other than English. Applicant must be preparing for ministry in the United States with that ethnic group. For information contact the National Coordinator for Intercultural Ministries at 1-800-ABC-3USA, ext.2468.

Graduate Studies

Doctoral (Ph.D.) Grants – Students who have completed at least one year of Ph.D. studies may apply for a one-time \$ 3,000 grant. Students must plan to teach at the college or seminary level, in a field of study directly related to preparing American Baptist ministerial leaders. D.Min. students are not considered for this grant. Pastors listed in the Professional Registry please refer to the section on Continuing Education information.

Ellen Cushing Scholarship -

The alumni of Cushing College make available scholarships to female graduate students. Students enrolled in a course of study other than M.Div. and D.Min. programs will be considered. Students must be active in their schools, churches, or regions. The scholarship amount varies depending on available funding.

Seminarian Scholarships

Seminarian Support Program (SSP) -

American Baptist seminarians attending one of the ten related American Baptist seminaries are eligible to participate in the SSP program. Pledges of support provided by local churches or organizations will be matched up to \$1,000 per academic year. This support is to defray the costs of tuition, fees, and books. Students must be enrolled at least two-thirds time in one of the following degree programs: M.Div., M.C.E., M.A.C.E., M.R.E. (D.Min students are not eligible). Recipients must be resident students of the American Baptist-related seminary that will award the degree. Request application forms from the Financial Aid Office of your seminary. All pledges of support must be sent directly to the seminary by August 1.

Individual Seminarian Grants -

Seminarians attending a seminary NOT related to American Baptist Churches may apply for a grant up to \$750. 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). Grants are awarded for the academic year to be used for tuition or book expenses.

Asian American Summer Intern Grant -

Asian American Baptist seminarians 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