

Qualifications for applicants to apply for the

Dean and Judy Sisk Seminary Scholarship

1. Church Membership

- a. Active member of Belle Aire Baptist Church.
- b. Relationship with Belle Aire (previous member who is serving on staff of another Southern Baptist Church, former member who moved membership to another Southern Baptist Church while in college or seminary, other).
- c. Member of another Southern Baptist Church who is under watch care of Belle Aire while attending MTSU (or other local school).

2. Church Involvement

- a. Be actively involved in the ministries of the local church.
- b. Be actively involved in areas of ministry that relate to your calling.

3. Academic

- a. Pursuing full time (as deemed by the institution, generally 9 hours) graduate level (master's or doctoral) course work at one of the Southern Baptist Seminaries (Southern, Southeastern, Southwestern, New Orleans, Golden Gate, or Midwestern). A **reduced scholarship** may be offered for **part time** students, at the discretion of the committee. Those wishing to attend non-Southern Baptist Seminaries (Master's Seminary, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, etc) may apply. The committee, with the assistance of the pastor, will consider these applications on a case by case basis.
- b. The scholarship will apply to fall and spring semesters only. Scholarships will not be granted for summer terms or other abbreviated sessions.
- c. Eligibility Requirements: (a) achieve either a **2.5 GPA** in the previous semester, or (b) maintain an overall 2.5 GPA. You must supply transcripts / grades prior to each semester before funds will be released.
- d. A student who is awarded a full time scholarship will receive a prorated amount in the event that he does not take 9 hours. (6 hours = 66.67%)
- e. Withdrawal or dropping classes will result in the reduction of scholarship funds awarded. Example: anyone who is awarded a full time scholarship and drops or withdraws from a class must return the prorated amount. Failure to do so will make the candidate ineligible for any future scholarship funds. Special circumstances will be considered by the committee.

4. Spiritual

- a. Be prepared to discuss your salvation experience.
- b. Be prepared to discuss the calling that has led you to pursue seminary education.
- c. Be willing to affirm The Baptist Faith and Message.

Instructions/Information concerning the Dean and Judy Sisk Seminary Scholarship.

1. All required information must be sent to the church in one 8 1/2" x 11" envelope. Please have all information unfolded, in the order as outlined below and stapled in the upper left corner. If any of the following information is not included, you will not be considered for a scholarship, nor will you be notified of missing information.

- a. Completed and Signed Application
- b. Personal Statement (as described on application).
- c. Copy of college/seminary transcripts (the most recent report available to you).

2. Please mail application and other required material in one 8 1/2" x 11" envelope to:

Belle Aire Baptist Church
Attn: Scholarship Committee
1307 N. Rutherford Blvd.
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
615-890-6977

3. Applications, including supporting documents, must be returned to the Church via U.S. Mail, or commercial carrier (FedEx, UPS, etc) with a **postmark/receipt dated No Later Than April 15th.**

4:

- a. Hand delivered applications will **not** be accepted, nor reviewed for consideration.
- b. Incomplete applications will **not** be accepted, nor reviewed for consideration.
General Information

5. Interviews

- a. The committee will review applicants and determine a list of finalists.
- b. The committee may schedule interviews with each applicant to allow a "face to face" meeting to assist in the decision making process.
- c. The committee may specifically ask you to expand on salvation, calling, ministry goals, etc.

6. Decision

- a. The committee will decide who will receive scholarships by June 1.
- b. The committee will award scholarships during both morning worship services, as schedule allows, on a Sunday during the month of June or July.
- c. All applicants will be notified, in writing, concerning the results of their application.

7. Disbursement

- a. The committee or church designee will request payment from The Tennessee Baptist Foundation for each recipient.
- b. Disbursements to be made only to the financial aid office at the institute, in the name of the recipient. To stipulate for "tuition, fees, and books."
- c. Fifty percent of the Scholarship will be awarded for the fall semester, and fifty percent will be awarded for the spring semester based on a review of grades from the previous semester.

Dean and Judy Sisk Seminary Scholarship application for assistance.

Date _____ Semester for which you are applying _____

Name (print or type) _____

First Middle Last

Permanent address _____ Phone _____

_____ Cell# _____

Social Security Number _____ Email address _____

Date of birth _____ Marital status _____ Number of dependents _____

Name of dependents and age _____

Current church membership _____

Summarize briefly your relation to Belle Aire Baptist Church: (include years of membership, all positions of service/leadership including years served, family relationships, etc.)

If not currently a member of BABC, discuss positions of service/leadership at current church and any other church memberships since leaving

BABC _____

Ministerial status: _____ recommended _____ licensed _____ ordained _____

By whom? _____ When? _____

For what church-related vocation are you preparing?

What degree program are you pursuing?

Number of semester hours you are enrolled for: ____ Total Hours completed ____ Hours required for degree ____

Where are you enrolled for ministerial studies?

Seminary

address _____ Phone# _____

Have you applied for and/or received other scholarships? If so, provide name of scholarship and expected amount to

be awarded: _____

References:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

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Personal Statement:

**On a separate sheet provide a concise narrative which includes the following paragraphs:
brief discussion of your salvation experience and your call to the ministry, how God is working in your life today**

and your goals for full-time ministry, and how this scholarship could help you to achieve those goals.

I affirm that the above information is accurate, and I understand that I need to notify the Scholarship Committee if

my plans change (including, but not limited to: number of hours taking, degree pursuing, seminary location, permanent address, church membership, number of dependents)

Signature: _____ Date _____

Refer to Qualifications – Instructions for application submission procedures.