



Student Scholarship Policy and Guidelines

I. Organization

Student Scholarship administration is a duty performed by the Benevolence/Scholarship Team. The Nominating Team will nominate members annually and their names presented for approval by the church in conference. Members may serve concurrent years in accordance with Team guidelines. Church staff and Life Group teachers may serve as consultants to the Team during the application process. The Benevolence/Scholarship Team shall have sole discretion as to the administration of this policy including any revisions to this policy.

II. Purpose

To help deserving members of our congregation continue the pursuit of their education by providing financial assistance. To determine and select qualified Judson students as recipients of scholarships. To administer funds or authorization of distribution of funds made available to Team for scholarship or loan funding. Assure funds are distributed in a manner consistent with the individual scholarship, loan, or endowment.

The Benevolence/Scholarship Team should publicize through church media and publications the availability and general guidelines for making application to receive loan or scholarship funds. A current copy of this policy shall be distributed with all applications.

III. Financing

Scholarships will generally be funded by the individual contributions of our church membership, and other interested persons or businesses. The Benevolence/Scholarship Team should publicize through our church media and publications the opportunity for our membership to contribute to existing endowment funds and the opportunity to establish new scholarship endowments or loan funds.

IV. Eligibility

- 1) No applicant will be eligible who has been a member for less than 12 months as of the application due date (see VII. Application Calendar).
- 2) Student shall be able to satisfy to the Benevolence/Scholarship Team that they are of high moral character and dedicated to Christianity and the Southern Baptist denomination. This requirement can be met on the basis of personal knowledge and observation of the applicant by Team members, by recommendations to the Team by interested persons known to the Team members or by personal interview.
- 3) Applicants will generally be recent high school students or undergraduate students, but other applicants may be considered including older members and those pursuing advanced degrees.
- 4) Applicants must be able to show, if requested, by previous scholastic record that they are reasonably qualified for college.
- 5) Students attending local schools are expected to maintain an active membership at Judson Baptist Church. Exceptions to this requirement may be considered including a student that is performing a ministry internship at another Southern Baptist Church.

V. Scholarship Preference Guidelines

Note: Some endowments and estates will have additional specific requirements the Team must consider.

- 1) Preference will be given to Judson students who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian vocation and who plan to attend a Baptist seminary or college.
- 2) Preference may be given to Judson students who plan to attend a Baptist college.

V. Scholarship Preference Guidelines (continued)

- 3) Preference may be given to students who have dedicated their lives to full-time Christian vocation and who plan to attend local institutions of higher learning.
- 4) Students who serve in some capacity of Christian service at Judson may be given special consideration.
- 5) Other students who plan to attend local institutions of higher learning.

VI. Additional Criteria that may be considered

- 1) Total amount of funds available for award
- 2) Financial need of student
- 3) Judson Baptist involvement and activities
- 4) Length of membership at Judson
- 5) Timelines of application submitted
- 6) Attitude, personality and Christian endeavors
- 7) Any other personal information or data

VII. Application Calendar

Beginning Thursday, March 7, 2024, the Benevolence/Scholarship Team will publicize through church media and publications the availability of scholarships and how the members can obtain an application. Notices will be run for 3 weeks. **Monday, March 25, 2024 - Application Due Date.** All Student Scholarship and Loan Applications are due to the church office. **By Monday, April 22**, each applicant will be informed in writing of the Team's recommendation of their application.

VIII. Scholarship & Loan Checks

Checks will be made payable either to the institution of higher learning or to the student. Grants may be paid directly to students on submission of proper receipts and/or documentation under certain circumstances.

Awarded students will be required to maintain a passing grade and maintain good standing at the institution.

IX. Scholarship Distribution Timeline

Scholarships shall be granted at the fall semester upon the student's attendance verification. In some cases, the fund administrator (i.e. Tennessee Baptist Foundation, Belmont Endowment, etc.) may have additional criteria that has to be met before funds are awarded. Late applications may be considered but funding allocations will generally be made on timely submitted applications. Applicants should use the application form provided by the Benevolence/Scholarship Team.

X. Policy on Church Matching Funds

Several Baptist colleges do offer church matching scholarships for their students. Judson Baptist will authorize these matching donations only if they meet these Internal Revenue Service requirements:

- 1) Cannot be designated for a particular student.
- 2) Cannot be given by a member of the student's family.
- 3) Student cannot have performed services for the funds. The intent of these programs is to ease the families' financial burden of a college education by encouraging the church family to contribute financially, not to create a loop-hole for families to double their tuition dollars.



STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To further the education and spiritual equipping of our post-secondary students and future leaders of our churches, Judson Baptist Church offers the following opportunities for financial aid for its members. Please fill out the attached application and forward it to the church office. Your application will be reviewed by the Benevolence/Scholarship Team and you will be informed in writing of the Team's review and designation of any available funds.

Application Deadline: Monday, March 25, 2024

Loan Funds

John T. Boone Scholarship Fund [Ministerial Education Requirement]

Established in 1971 through a gift provided in the will of John T. Boone. Funds are administered by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Repayment begins six months after graduation or after student leaves school. Payments at an interest rate of one half of prime effective date of the loan, are monthly and should be completed within 4 years.

Scholarship Funds

Leonard Stigler Scholarship Fund [Member of Judson at least one year from application date] Established by his family in 1991 in memory of Dr. Stigler, longtime pastor of Grace Baptist Church. Funds are administered by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Louise H. Forrest Scholarship Fund [Member of Judson at least one year from application date] Established in 2002 by a gift provided in the will of Louise H. Forrest, a Judson member who loved her church and its youth. Applicants must show evidence of financial need. Funds are administered by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

Swafford and DeWitt Scholarship Fund [Active member of Judson at least one year from application date/Enrolled as full-time student at one of the accredited Tennessee Baptist colleges/university, Southern Baptist seminaries.] Established in 2005 by anonymous donors to honor two former staff members. Funds are administered by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation

Raymond Langlois / Judson Baptist Church Endowed Scholarship [Belmont University Students / Member of Judson for at least one year from application date] Established in 1984 by loving members of Judson, in honor of Rev. Raymond Langlois on the occasion of his thirteenth anniversary at the church. Generous donation added to this fund in 2001 by the Heflin estate. Fund distribution is administered by the Belmont University Development Office.



Student Scholarship Application

NOTICE: Your information is held under the strictest confidentiality by church staff and the Student Scholarship Team. Personal and family information is required for the Benevolence/Scholarship Team to make an informed decision.

I am applying for: Loan Consideration Scholarship Consideration Loan & Scholarship

Contact Information

Name: _____ Male Female

Address / City / State / Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Phone: _____ Marital Status: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Address / City / State / Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Personal Information

Are you a member of Judson? Yes No If yes, how long? _____ Life Group Class: _____

Describe your involvement in church activities / ministries:

Institution Attending / Applied For: _____ Classification: _____

Address / City / State / Zip: _____

Major Course of Study: _____ Hours / Semester: _____

Estimated Total Expenses for the School Year: _____

List any other scholarships or loans you have been granted:

List other sources of funds (income from job, savings, gifts or loans):

Please describe your personal vision for your future:

Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

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