

# CERTIFICATION RENEWAL FORM

## Ministerial Financial Assistance for Students Preparing for a Church-Related Vocation Baptist General Convention of Texas

### Pastor or Church Leader and Student,

Each applicant to the Ministerial Financial Assistance program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT), must **annually** reaffirm their call to church-related vocational ministry **and** furnish evidence, by way of written testimony of the pastor (or church leader) of the student's involvement with, support of, and commitment to a local cooperating BGCT church.

The forms below (*student* and *pastor/church leader*) will provide the necessary evidence.

In providing this evidence, the church commits their support, along with other BGCT churches, to this ministry student.

Thank you for honoring this sacred trust.

*The Theological Education Council, BGCT*

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BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS

### STUDENT COVENANT

To be completed by STUDENT

Whereas *Texas Baptist* churches have committed their cooperative missions funds to providing financial assistance to men and women who are preparing for ministry vocations in the church and,

Whereas *Texas Baptist* universities have committed to providing theological education that prepares students for vocations in church-related ministries and,

Whereas I have sensed the call of God in my life to prepare for a vocation in a church-related ministry (such as pastor, church staff, missionary, chaplain);

I hereby enter into a covenant relationship with the churches of the *Baptist General Convention of Texas* to honor the sacred trust they have placed in me through their financial support and,

Should I come to a point in my understanding of God's will for my life that I no longer sense a call to a church-related vocation,

I will immediately inform university officials and no longer accept this financial assistance provided by the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

Complete and submit to:  
East Texas Baptist University  
Office of Ministry Guidance  
One Tiger Dr., Marshall, TX 75670  
bgct@etbu.edu  
phone: 903-923-2175

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## STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Permanent Address:**  
**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City, State, Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Name of Church:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name of School:** \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by STUDENT

**During the preceding academic year** I have been involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this BGCT church in the following ways:

Paid leadership responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer leadership or service: \_\_\_\_\_

Other involvement or means of support: \_\_\_\_\_

Sign the following reaffirmation, give this form to your pastor or church leader to complete (pages 3-4), then return the completed forms along with any other materials required by your institution:

*I hereby reaffirm my covenant with the churches, my sense of calling to a church-related vocation and my desire to continue to receive the Ministerial Financial Assistance provided by the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and I promise to remain in compliance with the requirements of the BGCT and this partner institution.*

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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To be completed by PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADER

## CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION

(Check ✓ and complete the appropriate sections below)

**Statement of Certification:**

If the church has not ordained or licensed this student, the following statement must be affirmed by the congregation.

We hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of student)

- is involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this BGCT church
- has shown evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry
- has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related ministry
- has demonstrated a Christian life-style
- is the kind of person our church would be comfortable recommending as a minister to serve in a church-related vocational position

This congregation affirmed this student's involvement in our church as noted on page 2 of the form. This congregational certification has been acted upon by:

(check all that apply)

- Ordination of student on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)
- Licensing of student on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)
- Adoption of statement of certification above by congregation on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)
- Adoption of statement of certification above by others (specify below) representing the congregation on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)

Representing the congregation:

- Church Committee
- Deacons
- Elders or other governing board
- Council of church staff members
- Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have talked with this student to discuss (1) the student's sense of call to church-related vocational ministry and (2) ways that the student might be involved in service at our church.

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I affirm this student's certification renewal application for Ministerial Financial Assistance.

Pastor's or Church Leader's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Position at Church \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION

#### *Church Name and Address*

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

#### *Denominational Affiliations*

Baptist association \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Baptist state convention \_\_\_\_\_

Baptist affiliations, national \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church Clerk)