

RULES AND REGULATIONS

INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST SEMINARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND **National Ministries ABC/USA** **P. O. Box 851 Valley Forge PA 19482-0851**

I. THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Persons asking for scholarship aid from the ***International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund*** are to complete and mail the following documents to the ***International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund***, at the address on the top of this form:

- Application form
- Financial Statement
- Endorsement Forms (2)
- Statement of Christian Vocation (approximately 100 words with typed name on top of page)

II. ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AID

1. The applicant must be from an ethnic group whose *first* language is other than English and must be preparing for ministry in the United States with that ethnic group.
2. Two endorsements for the potential of this ministry must be supplied by an American Baptist pastor, area minister, and/or denominational leader, and/or institution personnel.
3. The applicant must be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident.
4. The applicant must demonstrate the need for IBS scholarship assistance to cover educational and related personal expenses, and have the intent and possibility for completion of the course of study.
5. The course of study must be pursued at an accredited institution listed in the *Higher Education Directory* or the *Membership List of the Association of Theological Schools* unless otherwise approved by the Board.
6. The course of study should lead to a degree or certification appropriate to or required by the chosen Christian ministry, M.A., M.T.S., M.Div, or other seminary degree from an accredited seminary. We also offer financial assistance to D.Min and PhD candidates.

(over please)

III. SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS

1. A scholarship of between a minimum of \$500 and a maximum amount of \$3,000 per academic year is available to full-time students.
2. A one-time scholarship of \$1,000 is available to full-time D.Min students. A scholarship of \$3,000 is available to full-time PhD or ThD students after satisfactory completion of the first year of study. A one-time renewal is available.
3. Scholarship aid will be granted to summer school students upon application; amounts to be determined in each case.
4. Partial scholarship aid will be granted to part-time students; amounts to be determined in each case.
5. Funds will be remitted directly to the institution upon certification of enrollment and receipt of transcripts of records. Aid will be disbursed only on a semester-to-semester basis.

In the event there is a change in the student's status, an immediate notification must be made to the International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund.

IV. MAINTAINING ELIGIBILITY

1. The student must maintain a grade point average of "C" or better.
2. Students are expected to request a renewal for aid and submit a new financial statement each school year.
3. A copy of the grades or a copy of the official transcript shall be sent to the Chairperson of International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund at the end of each semester to the address on the front of this application.
4. Immediate notification of a change of student status shall be sent to the National Coordinator for Intercultural Ministries – Asian Churches Strategist (Use the address on the front of this application.) Chairperson of International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund (address as shown on cover letter)

Note: Failure to maintain eligibility will result in withholding of funds and/or loss of scholarship.

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Application for Scholarship Aid

All documents must be returned to our office by *due date* indicated on letter sent with this form in order to be considered for current academic year.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT (Use separate sheet when necessary) Date _____

PERSONAL

1. Name _____
(Mr. Mrs. Miss. Title) (Last Name) (First Name) (Male/Female)

2. Mailing Address _____
(Street and number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

3. Permanent Address _____
(Street and number) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Phone Number: Home _____ Institution _____ Cell # _____

4. Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Single _____ Married _____

5. U.S. Citizen _____ U.S. Permanent Resident _____ Current Official Status _____

6. Of what congregation are you a member?

(Name of Congregation) (City) (State)

7. List Language Speaking _____ Ethnicity _____

8. **IMPORTANT:** Please submit a separate statement of approximately 100 words, stating why you wish to enter a Christian Ministry related to the American Baptist Churches, U.S.A., stating which specialized field you have chosen.

EDUCATION

9. List Institutions (up to undergraduate level) where you have studied, beginning with highest academic achievement including the one in which you are now enrolled.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year Degree was obtained</u>

10. Name of institution/seminary you are attending or you plan to attend?

Date of enrollment _____

Please indicate if you are: Full-time _____ or Part-time _____

11. If already enrolled, please state:

Credits already earned: _____ Credits required for graduation: _____

Year you expect to graduate: _____ Graduating degree you expect to earn: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

12. Please complete the attached **financial form** and return with this application.

REFERENCES:

13. Please give three references, including a ABC/USA pastor, or its recognized affiliates, or a staff member of an institution so related:

1. _____
Name Address Phone No.

2. _____
Name Address Phone No.

3. _____
Name Address Phone No.

STATEMENT BY APPLICANT FOR AID

In making this application, I affirm

- 1) That I have read and understand the principles and provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund and accept them in good faith.
- 2) That the information I have given herewith is correct and complete, and
- 3) That the aid request is necessary for me to continue my studies.
- 4) International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Covenant

In accordance with the purpose statement and regulations as set forth by the International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund, I hereby Covenant to be a good steward of these financial aid resources given to sustain American Baptist ethnic leadership. I covenant to remain active in an American Baptist ministry related setting for each year of scholarship received. If I fail to comply with this covenant, I will be liable for payment of all scholarship funds.

I further state that if there should be any factor which makes a significant change in this statement of my personal, education or financial circumstances, I will promptly notify the Chairperson of the International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund, National Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

Date: _____ **Signature** _____

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Academic Year from _____ to _____

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Instructions: Student must give estimates for a *full* year from **September 1st to August 31st** of the following year. Include income and expenses for the entire family, if you are married. **Please type or print in black ink, filling in both sides of this sheet. Keep a copy for yourself. Enter amount in dollars; omit cents.**

 Name and Address of Seminary or Institution Phone

 Name and Address of Applicant e-mail

Home phone #: (_____) _____ Cell phone #: (_____) _____

ANNUAL INCOME: (Do not include income sought through this application)

* Please fill with annual financial information

1. Income available to you from all sources:

- a. Savings from summer work or other sources that will be available to you at the beginning of academic year
- b. Gross earnings during academic year
- c. Field education earnings/stipends
- d. Gross earnings of spouse
- e. Funds available from parents, relatives, friends
- f. From local church
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- h. Other institutions
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- j. Veteran's benefits
- k. Other income (specify)

	Estimated For this application	For use of financial aid officer
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TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME	\$	

2. Mention any aspect of your financial situation of special significance for consideration of your application:

ANNUAL EXPENSES: (if married, include expenses of total family)

		Estimated For this application	For use of financial aid officer
3.	a. Tuition @ \$_____ per credit (either F.T. or P.T.)	\$	
	b. Fees (matriculation, library, graduation, etc.)		
	c. Compulsory health insurance		
	d. Room (or residence rent, including utilities)		
	e. Board (or food) including off-campus meals		
	f. Books and other educational supplies		
	g. Clothing, laundry and cleaning		
	h. Recreation		
	i. Incidents		
	j. Public transportation		
	k. Medical and dental, not covered by insurance		
	l. Life insurance		
	m. Contribution to church		
	n. Child care for working parents		
	o. Estimated income taxes and Social Security to be paid on income listed in 1b, c, d		
	p. Other expenses (please specify)		

	q. Debt from previous years that needs to be paid during academic year		
	r. Automobile expenses:		
	(1) Operating cost (includes license, insurance, maintenance, gas) . . .		
	(2) Monthly Payments		
4.	Total expenses (must be larger than estimated income)		
5.	Total estimated income from first page		
6.	BALANCE (total expenses less total income)	\$	\$

Return Financial Form to: International Baptist Seminary Scholarship Fund
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Attn. Kim Wilkins

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ENDORSEMENT FORM

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For the reason mentioned above, you are being asked to give endorsement to this candidate who has applied for an IBS scholarship. IBS would like to have your endorsement in its files no later than two weeks after you receive this statement.

We appreciate you helping us decide if this candidate has the necessary qualifications to receive an IBS scholarship. So, please sign this statement and mail it to the IBS address above.

ENDORSEMENT

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

I am endorsing _____
(Name of applicant)

I am not endorsing _____
(Name of applicant)

He/she is a member of _____

Church Address _____

Explain why you **did** or **did not** endorse the applicant: _____

_____ Title

_____ Print Name

_____ Date

_____ Signature

_____ Email Address

() _____ Home/Cell Phone

(Please send the signed form to the address above; keep one in your files)

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