

**UNDERGRADUATE  
FIRST-YEAR  
NON-BAPTIST MINISTRY  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANT (MFA)  
SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**

**Deadlines**

**October 1, 2021**  
(Fall 2021 & Spring 2022)

**March 1, 2022**  
(Spring 2022 & Summer 2022)

**DBU**  
DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY

## MFA SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Applicants must have a sense and show evidence of a divine call to a career in vocational or bi-vocational church-related Christian ministry.
- Applicant is not a member of a Baptist church.
- Applicants must demonstrate a lifestyle of commitment to the principles of the Christian life.
- Application covers financial assistance through the academic year.
- Applicants must participate in the Monday Noon Resource Luncheons during the Fall and Spring Semester.
- Applicants must be working toward an undergraduate degree program and **must either major or minor in a degree from the College of Christian Faith.**
- Applicants must meet federal financial aid requirements.
- Application meets criteria to receive additional DBU Ministry Scholarship Funds.

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- ❑ **STEP ONE:** Ministry Student Scholarship Application  
*Please complete all blanks with the accurate information* (pp 3-4).
  
- ❑ **STEP TWO:** Personal Typed Testimony. You must submit an essay (250-word minimum) detailing your personal call to a career in vocational/bi-vocational church-related Christian ministry. Be as specific as possible regarding the details of your call and what type of ministry you feel called to pursue.
  
- ❑ **STEP THREE:** (1) Church Endorsement and (2) Pastor Letter of Recommendation. Your church pastor or official must endorse you as an actively involved member with a divine call to Christian ministry, committing to a career in vocational/bi-vocational church-related Christian ministry (pp 5-6) and submit a letter of recommendation.
  
- ❑ **STEP FOUR:** Return your completed application to the **Ministry Guidance Office in Office 209 in the College of Christian Faith on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Collins Learning Center or by mail, e-mail, or fax.** You should include your name on every page to ensure all pages make it into the appropriate file.
  
- ❑ **STEP FIVE:** Applicants must be either **majoring OR minoring from a degree in the College of Christian Faith.**

Student Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID:**

## STUDENT INFORMATION

### Personal Information

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ **required:**

DBU E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ **required**

### Church Information

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

Church Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Church Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor/Church Leader E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year Applying For: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed forms to the Dallas Baptist University Ministry Guidance Office.**

**3000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas TX 75211**

**Phone: 214.333.5574 OR 214.333.5925**

**E-mail: [ministrygrant@dbu.edu](mailto:ministrygrant@dbu.edu)**

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FOR STUDENT**

**STUDENT COVENANT**

Dallas Baptist University has committed their cooperative missions funds to providing financial assistance to men and women who are preparing for church-related ministries and,

Whereas Dallas Baptist University has 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, etc.);

I hereby enter into a covenant relationship with Dallas Baptist University 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 Dallas Baptist University.

During the preceding year, I have been an active member of a local church and have been involved with, supportive of and committed to the ministries of this church in the following ways:

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

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

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

Sign the following affirmation, request your pastor (or other church approved leader if student is pastor) to complete pp 5-6, then return the completed forms along with any other materials required by your institution.

***I hereby affirm my covenant with the churches, my sense of calling to a church-related vocation and my desire to receive the DBU Ministry Scholarship provided by Dallas Baptist University; and I promise to remain in compliance with the requirements of DBU.***

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

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID (If known): \_\_\_\_\_

**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** \_\_\_\_\_  
(student name)

- is an active member of our church,
- has shown evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational/bi-vocational ministry,
- has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related ministry,
- has demonstrated a Christian life-style, and
- is the kind of person our church would be comfortable recommending as a minister to serve in a church-related vocational/bi-vocational position.

**Please check the appropriate section below:**

This congregation affirmed this student's involvement in our church as noted on page 4 of the form. This congregational certification has been acted upon by:

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

**OR**

- Adoption of the statement of certification above by:

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

representing the congregation on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(date)

- 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.
- I affirm this student's application for the DBU Ministerial Financial Assistance.

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Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

***Church Leader***

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

Pastor's E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***Church***

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

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

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

***Denominational Affiliations***

Local Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

State Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

National Affiliation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor)*

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