

First Baptist Church,  
*Pensacola, Florida*

College & Seminary  
Scholarship Fund

- 1. Scholarships are awarded based on Christian character, academic achievement, and financial need.**
- 2. Scholarships are for educational expense only.**
- 3. Scholarships are for the regular academic year only and not for summer terms.**
- 4. Scholarship recipients from prior years must file a new application each year.**
- 5. The completed application and ALL supporting materials, including reference letters, must be on file with the FBC Scholarship Ministry Team by the published date to be considered. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.**
- 6. The applicant must be an active member of FBC Pensacola at least one year. (It is certainly acceptable to be actively involved in another church during the academic year if attending a college/university outside the Pensacola area.)**
- 7. The applicant must be enrolled as a student for the upcoming school year at a college, university, graduate school, or seminary which is approved by the FBC Scholarship Ministry Team and retain status as a student through each term for which a scholarship is awarded.**
- 8. Entering freshman college students must have at least a 2.75 unweighted cumulative GPA for 9th-12th grades. Current High school transcript must be attached to this application.**
- 9. Returning college/university/graduate school/seminary students must have at least a 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or 1.5 on a 3.0 scale for consideration for a scholarship. Current college grade report/transcript must be attached to this application.**
- 10. If the applicant is an incoming freshman he/she must provide two reference letters. One is to be from his/her Sunday School teacher. If the applicant is currently enrolled in a local college or an out- of-town college he/she must provide two reference letters. One is to be from his/her current Sunday School teacher, current church pastor, or current campus ministry group leader. Attach these two letters to the application or instruct references to send their letters directly to the FBC Pensacola Scholarship Ministry Team at the address shown below (#19).**
- 11. The FBC Scholarship Ministry Team will review all applications and reference letters and at its discretion then may invite qualifying applicants for a brief interview. The Team determines the amount of each scholarship awarded.**
- 12. All scholarships will be awarded by September 1, and all applicants will receive written notification from the Scholarship Ministry Team shortly thereafter.**
- 13. At the beginning of each academic term, FBC Scholarship Ministry Team will award each scholarship recipient a check for 50% of their total award if they meet all criteria. If the student's status changes (full time to less than full time), the student should notify the Team of the change so adjustments can be made to the award.**

**14. Recipients who do not earn any credits(due to Fs and/or Ws) during a term for which they received a scholarship from FBC Pensacola are asked to be responsible and repay FBC Pensacola, Scholarship Fund, for that amount.**

**15. Recipients must maintain at least a 2.5 out of 4.0 GPA for each semester/quarter for which a scholarship has been awarded. If a student earns less than a 2.5 GPA for one term but does earn credit, no repayment is expected for that term, but no scholarship will be provided for the remaining term of the school year. When communicating with the Scholarship Ministry Team, recipients must provide GPA information.**

**16. Recipients will be required to submit a copy of each term's grade report to the Team. Upon receipt of report of grades, the Scholarship Ministry Team will determine eligibility for the second term. Students will be allowed two weeks after the beginning of their second term to have their grades sent to the Team. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the lost of your scholarship.**

**17. The FBC Scholarship Ministry Team reserves the right to review and cancel the scholarship at any time due to unsatisfactory academic status or the recipient's failure to observe reasonable standards of Christian citizenship.**

**18. Complete this application on-line, if possible, print the completed copy, affix signatures, and submit to the Student Ministry Office by the deadline.**

**19. Send all materials to the following:  
First Baptist Church of Pensacola  
Student Ministry Office  
500 North Palafox Street  
Pensacola, Florida 32501**

Do not give application or supporting documents to Team members.

For questions or clarification, please contact Student Ministry Office. (433-5631).

*Please do not submit the Policy and Procedures pages with your application. Retain them for your records. Application will be kept confidentially on file with the Scholarship Ministry Team, but a new application is needed each academic year. Make copies of all forms for your own records.*

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Application Form**



**I. Required Documentation:**

In order for you to be considered for a scholarship, the following items **MUST** be received by the FBC Scholarship Ministry Team by the published deadline.

1. **This completed form**, including separate page attachments where indicated below.
2. **A copy of an official statement** from your college or university (e.g., copy of a page from the catalog, bulletin, or other official document) verifying the costs such as tuition, fees, room and board.
3. **Two (2) letters of recommendation**. Where possible, one of the letters should be from your current Sunday School teacher. Your references should address their letters to: First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Scholarship Ministry Team, 500 North Palafox Street, Pensacola, Florida 32501.
4. **On a separate page, answer the following questions:**
  - a. Briefly describe your Christian testimony - your salvation experience plus your Christian walk, including church and church organization participation.
  - b. What are your plans after graduation from the college/university/graduate school/seminary that you plan to attend in the academic year?
  - c. If you received a scholarship from FBC Pensacola for the previous academic year, please provide a summary of your year's academic work. Freshman will provide a high school transcript.
  - d. What tuition assistance has already been awarded to you for this academic year, including scholarships, grants, and work-study programs? Do not include loans.
  - e. What tuition assistance (as described above) is still pending as of this application date?
  - f. If you do not receive a scholarship from FBC Pensacola, how will it affect your ability to finance your education?

**II. Contact Information** School year applied for: 2009-2010 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (MI) (Last)

	Permanent	School through end of Spring Term
Address:	_____	_____
City/State/Zip:	_____	_____
Phone:	_____	_____
E-mail:	_____	_____

Best method/time to contact applicant, parent or other contact person to set up an interview:  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Church Involvement**(check all that apply)

- I am a member of FBC Pensacola. How long \_\_\_\_\_ (years)? ( Minimum of one year required.)
- While attending college outside of Pensacola, I attend/belong to \_\_\_\_\_ Church.  
 My Sunday School teacher at that church is \_\_\_\_\_
- I do not attend Sunday School regularly because \_\_\_\_\_

List involvements, during the past year, in church or other Christian organizations (e.g., choir, mission trip, Campus Crusade, BCM, etc.)— \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

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(First) (MI) (Last)

**IV. Academic Achievement**

Last year, I was a \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
(year of study) (institution)

My cumulative GPA, through \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_ on a \_\_\_\_\_ point scale.  
(term, year) (4.0 or 3.0)

For next year, I will be a \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_,  
(year of study) (institution)

where I will be attending  full-time or  part-time,  full academic year or  fall or spring term ONLY.

Tests scores: ACT \_\_\_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_ (only required for freshmen)

List school-based organizations or other extra-curricular activities in which you participate, including any honors received (omit church related activities cited earlier). \_\_\_\_\_

**V. Family Financial Situation**

1. If you are a dependent (claimed by parents as a dependent for income tax purposes) of you parents, complete the following: (NOTE: Parent must sign form on page 6)

I live with:  both parents (or parent + step-parent)  single mother  single father  
 other \_\_\_\_\_

Beside yourself, how many other dependent children live in your home? \_\_\_\_\_

How many of these attend: Private school (grades K-12) \_\_\_\_\_ College? \_\_\_\_\_

Other than children, who else is dependent on your family for support? \_\_\_\_\_

In which range does your total family income fall? (Include income from all sources except scholarships/loans)

Less than \$20,000  \$20 - \$40,000  \$40 - \$60,000  \$60 - \$80,000  \$80 - \$100,000  above \$100,000

2. If you ARE NOT a dependent (not claimed by parents as a dependent for income tax purposes last year) of your parents, please complete the following:

Did your parent(s) claim you as a dependent on their last year's income tax return? (check one)  YES  NO

Describe your family situation: (check one)

I live on my own and am fully self-supporting.

I am married and my spouse and I are self-supporting.

My spouse is  a student,  full-time homemaker,  works \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week at \_\_\_\_\_  
for a total year gross income of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Other \_\_\_\_\_

In which range does your total family income fall? (Include income from all sources except scholarships/loans)

Less than \$20,000  \$20 - \$40,000  \$40 - \$60,000  \$60 - \$80,000  \$80 - \$100,000  above \$100,000

3. ALL applicants complete this section:

During the academic year I work \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week at \_\_\_\_\_  
for total academic year gross income of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

This upcoming summer I am working \_\_\_\_\_ hours per week at \_\_\_\_\_  
for total summer gross income of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

I did not work (am not working) this summer because \_\_\_\_\_

4. Any other circumstances which are affecting your financial need (death/illness in family, loss of job, etc.)

