

Bertie Thompson Ministry Scholarship Gibson Baptist Association Guidelines and Process

The Gibson Baptist Association, through the gracious endowment provided by Mrs. Bertie Thompson, has established a \$500.00 scholarship fund for deserving students of excellent Christian Character within our association membership that are preparing for the Christian Ministry. The funds will be awarded in May each year at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Team.

Criteria of Applicants

1. Applicants must be an active member of a Southern Baptist Church in the Gibson Baptist Association for at least 12 months prior to being awarded a scholarship. (It is acceptable, and in fact, commendable, to be actively involved in another church during the school year if attending school outside the area. Such students should provide a letter of good standing from said church).
2. Applicants are a full-time student for the year applying for scholarship (full-time as defined by the college or university).
3. Applicants have a minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4-point scale (or equivalent).
4. Recent High School graduates who will be entering their freshmen year in college are eligible to apply for a scholarship.
5. Applicants will complete the Bertie Thompson Ministry Scholarship Application Form and submit it to the Gibson Baptist Association in care of the Scholarship Selection Team.

Each scholarship awarded will be determined according to the following criteria:

1. **Ministry Involvement & Christian Character**
Applicant must submit a written account (minimum 2 pages) that includes:
 - Personal testimony of faith in Christ
 - Definite call to ministry
 - Involvement in recent ministry activity
2. **Church Recommendation**
Applicant must submit a written recommendation from their home church (attached form). A copy of the church minutes in which the recommendation was approved must be provided.
3. **Matriculation Information**
Applicant must submit name and address of the institution he/she will be attending. Scholarship(s) are to be sent directly to the institution upon verification of matriculation.
4. **Transcripts**
All applicants must provide a copy of their transcripts. Recent high school graduates entering their freshmen year of college must provide a copy of their transcript. Those already enrolled in college or seminary must also provide a copy of their transcript.

Additional Information

1. All information submitted to the Scholarship Selection Team is considered privileged and confidential and is intended solely for use by the Team. At the end of the process the name of recipient/s will be published in the Gibson Baptist Association newsletter.
2. The Bertie Thompson Ministry Scholarship shall fund one (1) \$500.00 scholarship.
3. The scholarship is awarded for one academic school year and not for summer school.

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4. The scholarship will be evenly disbursed per matriculation period (semester, etc.)
5. Students graduating at the end of the fall term may apply for a scholarship for that term only.
6. Scholarships are for tuition only. **Students who already have scholarships covering 100% of their tuition are not eligible for consideration.**
7. The complete application and all supporting material must be on file with the Bertie Thompson Ministry Scholarship Team by **May 01**.
8. The Bertie Thompson Ministry Scholarship Selection Team will review all applications and references and may then invite qualifying students to a brief interview in **May**.
9. Scholarships will be awarded by **May 30** and applicants will receive a written notification shortly thereafter.
10. Before the beginning of each matriculation period, the Gibson Baptist Association will mail the scholarship to the scholarship administrator at the appropriate institution.

Send all material to:

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Bertie Thompson Ministry Scholarship Team
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