

# *Funding Your Theological Education at Central*

## **Scholarships Available Through the Seminary**

### AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES U.S.A.

- 1) American Baptist Churches of the Central Region ([www.abccr.org](http://www.abccr.org))

Amount: \$1000 per semester

Requirements: member in good-standing at an ABC-Central Region church for at least one year; letter from church/church official indicating your membership at the church; must take at least 6 hours per semester

Deadline: June 1(fall)/December 1(spring) (along with CBTS Financial Aid Application)

- 2) American Baptist Church USA Seminarian Support Program ([www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org))

Amount: ABC USA will match up to \$500 per semester of funds from other American Baptist sources

Requirements: member in good-standing at an ABC USA church (not Central Region) for at least one year; letter from church/church official indicating your membership at the church; must take at least 6 hours per semester

Deadline: June 1(fall)/December 1(spring) (along with CBTS Financial Aid Application)

### COOPERATIVE BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP ([www.thefellowship.info](http://www.thefellowship.info))

Amount: \$1000 per semester

Requirements: member in good-standing at a Cooperative Baptist Fellowship church for at least one year; letter from church/church official indicating your membership at the church; must be a full-time student

Deadline: June 1(fall)/December 1(spring) (along with CBTS Financial Aid Application)

### NATIVE AMERICAN TUITION WAIVERS ([www.cbts.edu/financialaid](http://www.cbts.edu/financialaid))

Purpose: provide scholarships for Native American students to complete ministry training

Requirements: official documentation that student is Native American; enrolled as full-time student in a Masters degree program

Deadline: June 1(fall)/December 1(spring) (along with CBTS Financial Aid Application)

### CENTRAL MATCHING FUNDS ([www.cbts.edu/financialaid](http://www.cbts.edu/financialaid))

Amount: up to \$250 per academic year

Requirements: only available when no other seminary scholarships is awarded; funds will be matched must come from a source other than the student

Deadline: June 1(fall)/December 1(spring) (along with CBTS Financial Aid Application)

### NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS ([www.cbts.edu/financialaid](http://www.cbts.edu/financialaid))

Purpose: provide scholarship support to students exhibiting tremendous need based on other personal financial commitments

Amount: determined by the Scholarship Committee through a review of the financial aid application

Deadline: June 1(fall)/December 1(spring) (along with CBTS Financial Aid Application)

## Scholarships Available from Outside Sources

### Baptist Students

ABC-CENTRAL REGION "OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS" ([www.abccr.org](http://www.abccr.org))

Purpose: encourage higher education (beyond high school)

Amount \$1000 per academic year

Requirements: completed application form; member of an ABC church in the Central Region; written support from their pastor/church leader

Deadline: March 15

ABC MID-AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS

1) Walnut Street Church Scholarship

2) Hedrick Baptist Church Scholarship

Purpose: provide financial assistance to seminarians; preference given to students from American Baptist Churches in the Iowa and Minnesota

Amount: varies; determined by the Mid-American Baptist Foundation

Requirements: membership in Mid-American Baptist Church preferred; student enrolled in Masters degree program

Deadline: June 1(fall)/December 1(spring) (along with CBTS Financial Aid Application)

ABC USA NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS ([www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org))

Purpose: provide scholarships to Native American students

Amount: determined by ABC USA

Requirements: member of an ABC USA church; United States citizen; official documentation of Native American Heritage; full-time student

Deadline: May 31

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

Purpose: provide financial aid to American Baptist studying for Christian service

Amount: \$500 per academic year

Requirements: active member of American Baptist Church; studying for full-time Christian service; complete application materials

Deadline April 22, check with [Enrollment Services](#) for more information

BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY OF GEORGIA ([cbfga.org/missions.htm#BWIN](http://cbfga.org/missions.htm#BWIN))

Purpose: provide scholarship to Baptist woman from Georgia attending Baptist or non-Baptist seminary

Amount: \$500

Requirements: resident (past or present) of Georgia; completed one year of seminary; completed application (with references and autobiography)

Deadline: March 15

BELLEVUE HEIGHTS CHURCH-AMERICAN BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Purpose: provide scholarships to American Baptist seminarians

Amount: varies, discretion of Student Aid Committee

Requirements: enrolled at accredited American Baptist seminary; full-time student; GPA of at least 2.5; member of an American Baptist church; involved in ministry

Deadlines: April 15, check with [Enrollment Services](#) for more information

### CBF LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP ([www.thefellowship.info](http://www.thefellowship.info))

Purpose: provide scholarships to seminarians for development of future CBF leaders

Amount: \$4000 per academic year (limited to a few students per year at Central)

Requirements: member of a CBF church; following vocational call into ministry within church context; completed application

Deadline: August 15

### CBF of GEORGIA SCHOLARSHIP ([www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org))

Purpose: provide scholarships to seminarians

Amount: determined by CBF Georgia

Requirements: connection to CBF of Georgia; enrolled in Master's degree program; submit completed application (including 3 letters of reference)

Deadline: April 1

### MARY GATES ATKINSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Purpose: "...to assist consecrated American Baptist Women/Men to further their education and to prepare them for the ministry....provided by concerned American Baptist Women of the Central Region."

Amount: maximum of \$500 per semester

Requirements: enrolled or declared interest in Christian ministry vocation; active member of American Baptist Church of the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an ABC national mission; full-time student; maintain "C" average the year prior to applying; completed application materials; willing to relate to local ABW Ministries groups through correspondence and speaking

Deadlines: April 1, check with [Enrollment Services](#) for more information

### MELVIN JAMES BATTLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Purpose: "...provide financial assistance for tuition, books, lodging, and meals to any Baptist student in preparation for the Christian ministry..."

Amount: varies; determined by Melvin Battle scholarship committee

Requirements: Baptist student; attend a seminary accredited through the ATS

Deadline: contact the church for more information (Calvary Baptist Church, 29595 North Teutonia Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53206, 414-371-1450)

### NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION SCHOLARSHIPS

([www.nationalbaptist.com/Index.cfm?FuseAction=Page&PageID=1000303](http://www.nationalbaptist.com/Index.cfm?FuseAction=Page&PageID=1000303))

### NORTHERN BAPTIST EDUCATION SOCIETY GRANTS

Purpose: provide scholarships to seminarians from Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, or New Hampshire

Amount: varies; determined by the Northern Baptist region

Requirements: member of an American Baptist church in Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, or New Hampshire; completed application form (with letter of endorsement from church)

Deadline: October 25(fall)/March 22(spring) (applications at Enrollment Services)

### RURAL PASTOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Purpose: provide financial assistance to pastors serving in rural areas or seminarians committed to serving in rural pastorates

Amount: decided annually by the seminary scholarship committee

Requirements: must serve in a rural setting

Deadline: April 30/June 1(new students) submit seminary scholarship form

## TENNESSEE CBF THEOLOGICAL SCHOLARSHIP ([www.tncbf.org](http://www.tncbf.org))

Purpose: provide scholarships for seminary students associated with Tennessee through birth, residence, college education, or a desire to serve in the state

Amount: \$1000 per academic year

Requirements: member of a church affiliated with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship; attending theological school accredited through the ATS and its tuition is not supplemented through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention

Deadline: March 1 (application includes resume, cover letter, and three references)

## Non-Baptist Students

### CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose: provide scholarships to Central seminarians within the Disciples of Christ church

Amount: varies; determined through the scholarship's committee

Requirements: full-time student in the Master of Divinity program; member of a Disciples of Christ church

Deadline: for more information contact, the Enrollment Office

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) SCHOLARSHIPS

([www.helmdisciples.org/aid/graduate.htm](http://www.helmdisciples.org/aid/graduate.htm))

Purpose: provide financial assistance to students who are part of the Disciples of Christ

Amount: varies with scholarship; determined by Homeland Ministries (DoC)

- Disciple Chaplains' Scholarship (for first year seminarians);
- David Tamotsu Kagiwada Memorial Scholarship (for Asian-American Ministerial students);
- James M. Philputt Memorial Scholarship/Loan (for seminary/graduate ministerial students enrolled in either: (University of Chicago Divinity School, Union Theological Seminary, Vanderbilt Divinity School or Yale Divinity School);
- Rowley/Ministerial Education Scholarship (for seminary students);
- Katherine J. Schutze Memorial Scholarship (for women seminary students);
- Star Supporter Scholarship/Loan (for Black/Afro-American ministerial students);
- Edwin G. & Lauretta M. Michael Scholarship (for minister's wives)

Requirements: completed application with references; varies with scholarship

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH ([www.episcopalchurch.org/49065\\_60141\\_ENG\\_HTM.htm](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/49065_60141_ENG_HTM.htm))

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH U.S.A. – GRANTS and LOANS

(<http://www.pcusa.org/financialaid/pdfs/presbyterianstudy.pdf>)

Purpose: provide scholarships to graduate students in the Presbyterian Church USA

Amount: Grants (Study Grant - \$200 to \$2000/Racial Ethnic Leadership Grant - \$500 to \$1000/Native American Grant - \$500 to \$1500) Loans (Inquirer \$6000 maximum/Candidate \$16,000 maximum)

Requirements: member of Presbyterian Church USA; US citizen or permanent resident; enrolled as inquirer or candidate for ordination in PC USA presbytery; pursuing a professional degree for church occupation; demonstrate financial need; make satisfactory progress towards degree

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SCHOLARSHIPS ([www.ucc.org/education/scholarships](http://www.ucc.org/education/scholarships))  
There are a variety of scholarships available, just check out the above link.

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIPS/LOANS

(<http://archives.umc.org/interior.asp?ptid=1&mid=2664>)

*\* If you are associated with a denomination that is not listed here, please check with the denomination and/or its website for information on their available scholarships for seminarians. Always check with the denominational body or church for the most up-to-date information regarding their particular financial aid.*

## General Scholarships

BAPTIST COMMUNICATORS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

([www.baptistcommunicators.org/scholar.htm](http://www.baptistcommunicators.org/scholar.htm))

Purpose: provide financial assistance to graduate student interested in religious communications career

Amount: \$500 per academic year

Requirements: have vocational aspirations in religious communications; minimum 2.5 GPA; completed application (with recommendation letters, resume, and statement)

Deadlines: February 4

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION SCHOLARSHIP

([www.mycccu.com](http://www.mycccu.com))

Purpose: provide financial assistance to students who are members of a CCCU

Amount: \$500 to \$2000 per academic year

Requirements: membership at a Christian Community Credit Union; enrolled in accredited seminary; take at least 8 credits for graduate students

Deadline: June 15

EASTERN STAR TRAINING AWARDS FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP (ESTARL) is a scholarship fund for those who are going to school for the purpose of religious training. Each state administers a separate ESTARL program. Those wishing to apply for an ESTARL Scholarship should contact the [Grand Secretary](#) of the state or province in which they reside.

E.A. FREEMAN EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Purpose: established in 1998 by the Minority Students Association at Central, these scholarships awards are specifically for minority students

Amount: varies; discretion of the Freeman Scholarship Committee

Requirements: minority student enrolled in at 6 semester hours; enrolled in "good standing" for at least one year at Central Seminary; completed both sides of the Freeman Scholarship Application and other necessary documentation

Deadlines: February 15

#### ESA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS ([www.esaintl.com/esaf/scholarship\\_application.html](http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/scholarship_application.html))

Purpose: "... The ESA Foundation is a non-profit / tax exempt organization pledged to develop; philanthropic activities of volunteers, provide assistance to established programs that serve human needs, and produce new programs to improve the quality of life."

Amount: varies dependent on the scholarship (usually \$500-\$1000)

Requirements: completed application materials; attend accredited graduate school in the US; minimum GPA of 3.5

Deadlines: February 1

#### THE FUND FOR THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION ([www.thefund.org](http://www.thefund.org))

- 1) FTE Ministry Fellowship offers a \$5000 grant to support a self-designed summer ministry project.
- 2) FTE Congregational Fellowship offers a matching grant worth \$4000 to \$10000 for tuition and living expenses.
  - All recipients must attend the FTE Conference on Excellence in Ministry in the summer.
  - Go to the listed website for more information, including complete eligibility criteria and applications.

#### INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF THE KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS

([www.iokds.org/scholarship](http://www.iokds.org/scholarship))

Purpose: to provide scholarships to seminarians intending to minister in an congregation

Amount: \$1000 per academic year

Requirements: full-time Master of Divinity student; United States citizen; attending ATS accredited seminary; maintain a B average in all undergraduate and graduate work; completed application (with transcripts, letters of recommendation, etc.)

Deadlines: April 30

#### MILITARY CHAPLAINS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS ([www.mca-usa.org](http://www.mca-usa.org))

Purpose: provide scholarships for seminary students who intend to pursue a career as a military chaplain

Amount: determined each year by the MCA Scholarship Committee

Requirements: full-time student at an accredited seminary; currently approved as and serving as a chaplain candidate in one of the Armed Forces; complete the MCA application form

Deadlines: apply between January 1 and May 30 of each year

#### ZONTA CLUB OF KANSAS CITY, KANSAS ([www.zontadistrict7.org/index.html](http://www.zontadistrict7.org/index.html))

Purpose: provide scholarship to a professional woman interested in service and the status of women worldwide

Amount: \$750 per academic year

Requirements: resident Wyandotte or Leavenworth Counties, KS; must attend a Kansas City, KS college, university, or technical program; female; exhibit financial need; attend local Zonta meeting in June to accept award

Deadlines: April 10

## Other Financial Aid Resources

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

students needing federal loan support for seminary (Central does participate in parts of the federal loan program)

[www.thefund.org/programs/fellowships\\_plus.phtml](http://www.thefund.org/programs/fellowships_plus.phtml)

excellent database of financial grants and scholarships specifically for students in theological education

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

scholarship database (most are not related to ministry or religious studies) that a person can register to receive scholarship updates based on criteria that matches you