

The Everett and Lucille Bennett Ministerial Scholarship

APPLICATION FORM

History of the Scholarship

The Everett and Lucille Bennett Ministerial Scholarship was established in 2007 in memory of Charles (Everett) and Lucille Bennett by their family. Everett and Lucille's life revolved around their family and their church. Both of the Bennetts modeled faithfulness whether it was in their marriage or in their service to the church. Many times, one could find them walking hand-in-hand to First Baptist Church, where both exercised their spiritual gifts for years. Everett and Lucille were an encouragement to so many individuals, but especially to their ministers. Through this scholarship, their legacy continues to encourage ministers in their studies.

Purpose of the Scholarship

The Everett and Lucille Bennett Ministerial Scholarship provides funds for the education of ministerial students who have a strong desire to follow God's instruction "to study to show yourself approved" (2 Timothy 2:15).

Criteria

The Everett and Lucille Bennett Ministerial Scholarship will be awarded to a member/members (or former member/members) of First Baptist Church, Zachary, Louisiana, who has/have demonstrated a serious commitment to the call of the ministry and to Southern Baptist work. The eligible candidates for the scholarship shall be those full-time students who are already enrolled or who are preparing to enroll in an undergraduate or graduate degree program. The degree program chosen by the applicant must be one clearly aimed at preparing the applicant for a church-related vocation. In addition, the applicant must have a current 2.5 GPA and maintain a 2.5 GPA for all semesters in the period the scholarship is awarded. The committee may also consider other criteria such as church involvement in awarding the scholarship, **but the primary criterion considered shall be financial need**. The financial need of the applicant will be a deciding factor in awarding the scholarship.

Submission Requirements/Application Due Date

The applicant must submit a completed application form, his/her transcripts, and two letters of recommendation to the Stewardship Committee of First Baptist Church, Zachary, Louisiana. The letters of recommendation may be written by the pastor, church staff, lay leader, teacher, or administrator. **All required materials must be submitted to the Stewardship Committee of First Baptist Church, Zachary, Louisiana by October 9, 2026.**

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Name of Parents: _____

Church Membership: _____

Current GPA: _____

List Activities and/or Organizations Below:

In Addition:

- 1. Prepare and attach one essay of 800 words or less addressing the following subjects:**
 - A. Your salvation experience;**
 - B. Your call to the ministry;**
 - C. Your educational and career plans;**
 - D. And, your reasons for wanting to be considered for this scholarship including financial need, if any.**
- 2. Attach a copy of your current transcripts.**
- 3. Turn in two letters of recommendation from references such as your pastor, church staff member, lay leader, teacher, or administrator.**

(Student's Signature)