

**CHURCH CERTIFICATION FORM**  
**Ministerial Tuition Assistance Program**  
**Baptist General Convention of Texas**

**Dear Church Leader:**

In recognition of the divine call of God felt by those who minister, churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) provide tuition assistance to Baptist\* students who are preparing for careers in church-related vocations in Texas Baptist schools.

Four participants are recognized in the Ministerial Tuition Assistance (MTA) program – (1) the student who, responding to God’s call, is set aside by (2) a local church that pools resources with other cooperating churches and entrusts these resources to (3) the BGCT and its (4) partner schools.

Each applicant for the MTA program must show evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry, must demonstrate a life-style of commitment to the principles of Christian life, and must be an active member of a Baptist\* church.

The applicant is required to provide certification from his or her church in **one** of the following forms:

- a letter of certification of a call to church-related vocational ministry, **or**
- a certificate of license to the gospel ministry, **or**
- a certificate of ordination to the gospel ministry.

In submitting this application for certification, your church joins the Baptist General Convention of Texas and related schools in being faithful stewards of mission funds entrusted to them by cooperating churches to provide tuition funds for students.

Thank you for joining in this sacred trust.

*The Theological Education Committee, BGCT*



**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CHURCH:**

**Complete the “Church Information Section” and the “Church Certification Section” related to the appropriate form of certification**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE STUDENT:**

**Complete the “Student Information Section” and return the completed forms along with the Testimony of Call to Ministry, the Statement of Cooperation, and the Pastor’s Letter of Recommendation to:**

**Jeanette Copeland, Secretary**

**School of Christian Studies**

**Howard Payne University**

**1000 Fisk Avenue**

**Brownwood, TX 76801**

### STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION

Signatures attest to information in "Church Certification Section"

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Association: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor  
City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Clerk

### CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION

(Complete one or more portions, as appropriate)

**Statement of Certification:**

The following statement was read to the congregation and approved by a vote of the congregation on:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date).

**"We hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_ is an individual who:**  
(name of applicant)

- **is an active member of our church**
- **has shown evidence of a divine call to Christian ministry**
- **has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related vocational ministry**
- **has demonstrated a life-style of commitment to the principles of the Christian life.**

**And, therefore, we recommend this person for the Ministerial Tuition Assistance program  
of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at \_\_\_\_\_.**  
(name of Baptist school)

**License:**

\_\_\_\_\_ was licensed to the gospel ministry by our church on \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of applicant) (Date)

**Ordination:**

\_\_\_\_\_ was ordained to the gospel ministry by our church on \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of applicant) (Date)

\* First year students must be certified by a Baptist church. Annual renewal of MTA will require certification by a church affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.