

# Certification Renewal Form Instructions

## **Page 1:**

- Please read, sign, and date the Student Covenant.

## **Page 2:**

- Fill out the Student Information section in full.
- List any responsibilities you have had at your church during the preceding academic year.
- Sign and date at the bottom of the page.

## **Page 3:**

- If you have not been ordained or licensed by this church, then the “Statement of Certification” box must be checked with your name in the blank.
- The box that states, “This congregation affirmed this student’s involvement...” must be checked.
- Below that box, one or more of the four options must be chosen, and a date must be provided.
- If you choose the option that states, “Adoption of statement of certification above by others (specify below)...” then you must choose one of the options below.
- If you choose the fourth option, “other,” then you must specify who adopted the statement of certification.
- The last box on the page must be checked, stating that you have had a conversation with the person who signed your form about your call to ministry and what it may look like currently and in the future.

## **Page 4:**

- The box at the top of the page must be checked, stating that your pastor or other church leader affirms your need for scholarships through the BGCT.
- Please fill out the pastor information section.
- Provide church name and address.
- List denominational affiliations.
- The pastor or other church leader who filled out the form must sign at the bottom of the page.
- There must be a signature in the “Church Clerk” blank. If you do not have anyone acting as the church clerk, or they are unavailable, any other church leader can sign in this blank.

Per BGCT rules, we must have a paper copy with original signatures on file. It **MUST BE** received by the Truett Scholarship office before your next enrolled semester begins.

2023-2024

**Must be received by: March 15, 2023 \* by mail or delivery (no electronic or fax)**

## CERTIFICATION RENEWAL FORM

Ministerial Financial Assistance for  
Students Preparing for a Church-Related Vocation  
Baptist General Convention of Texas

### Pastor or Church Leader and Student,

Each applicant to the Ministerial Financial Assistance program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT), must **annually** reaffirm their call to church-related vocational ministry **and** furnish evidence, by way of written testimony of the pastor (or church leader) of the student's involvement with, support of, and commitment to a local cooperating BGCT church.

The forms below (*student* and *pastor/church leader*) will provide the necessary evidence.

In providing this evidence, the church commits their support, along with other BGCT churches, to this ministry student.

Thank you for honoring this sacred trust.

*The Theological Education Council, BGCT*



To be completed by STUDENT

### STUDENT COVENANT

Whereas *Texas Baptist* churches have committed their cooperative missions funds to providing financial assistance to men and women who are preparing for ministry vocations in the church and,

Whereas *Texas Baptist* universities have committed to providing theological education that prepares students for vocations in church-related ministries and,

Whereas I have sensed the call of God in my life to prepare for a vocation in a church-related ministry (such as pastor, church staff, missionary, chaplain);

I hereby enter into a covenant relationship with the churches of the *Baptist General Convention of Texas* to honor the sacred trust they have placed in me through their financial support and,

Should I come to a point in my understanding of God's will for my life that I no longer sense a call to a church-related vocation,

I will immediately inform university officials and no longer accept this financial assistance provided by the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Student Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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## STUDENT INFORMATION SECTION

<b>Name:</b> _____	<b>Permanent Address:</b>
<b>Email:</b> _____	<b>Street:</b> _____
<b>Name of Church:</b> _____	<b>City, State, Zip:</b> _____
	<b>Name of School:</b> _____

**To be completed by STUDENT**

**During the preceding academic year** I have been involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this BGCT church in the following ways:

Paid leadership responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer leadership or service: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other involvement or means of support: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Sign the following reaffirmation, give this form to your pastor or church leader to complete (pages 3-4), then return the completed forms along with any other materials required by your institution:

***I hereby reaffirm my covenant with the churches, my sense of calling to a church-related vocation and my desire to continue to receive the Ministerial Financial Assistance provided by the churches of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and I promise to remain in compliance with the requirements of the BGCT and this partner institution.***

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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To be completed by PASTOR OR CHURCH LEADER

## CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION

(Check ✓ and complete the appropriate sections below)

**Statement of Certification:**

If the church has not ordained or licensed this student, the following statement must be affirmed by the congregation.

We hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
(name of student)

- *is involved with, supportive of, and committed to the ministries of this BGCT church*
- *has shown evidence of a divine call to church-related vocational ministry*
- *has shown sincere commitment to a career in church-related ministry*
- *has demonstrated a Christian life-style*
- *is the kind of person our church would be comfortable recommending as a minister to serve in a church-related vocational position*

This congregation affirmed this student's involvement in our church as noted on page 2 of the form. This congregational certification has been acted upon by:

(check all that apply)

- Ordination of student on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)
- Licensing of student on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)
- Adoption of statement of certification above by congregation on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)
- Adoption of statement of certification above by others (specify below)  
representing the congregation on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Representing the congregation:

- Church Committee
- Deacons
- Elders or other governing board
- Council of church staff members
- Other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

I have talked with this student to discuss (1) the student's sense of call to church-related vocational ministry and (2) ways that the student might be involved in service at our church.

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I affirm this student's certification renewal application for Ministerial Financial Assistance.

Pastor's or Church Leader's Name (Printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Position at Church \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION**

*Church Name and Address*

Name of Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*Denominational Affiliations*

Baptist association \_\_\_\_\_ City, State \_\_\_\_\_

Baptist state convention \_\_\_\_\_

Baptist affiliations, national \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Pastor or church approved leader if student is pastor)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church Clerk)