

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION
Mississippi Baptist Convention

APPLICATION FOR MINISTERIAL AID

I. Personal

College _____

Name _____ Date of Application _____

Home Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

College Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Your cell phone no. _____ E-mail address _____

Birth date _____ Married () Yes () No Number/Ages of Children _____

Social Security Number _____ Current Academic Load: _____ hrs.

Classification: Fr. Soph. Jr. Sr. Degree Sought: _____ Major Subject _____

Area of ministry for which you are preparing _____ Grade Point Average _____

Church Membership _____ Pastor's Name _____

Church Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

License/Ordination () Yes () No Public Commitment to Ministry () Yes () No

Church _____ City/State/Zip _____

Pastor _____ Date _____

II. Church Related Work (Include church name, location, dates, and type of service)

Paid: (Yes or No)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

III. Student Application Agreement

- A. I have read the accompanying statement of policy of the Board of Ministerial Education and agree to abide by its terms.
- B. I agree to report any changes in the above information promptly to the Board's Campus Representative.

Signature _____

Date _____

Please describe briefly for the Board of Ministerial Education your call to ministry and the work you feel called to do.

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LETTER OF REFERENCE

Student's Name _____

Name and Address of Reference: _____

Dear Friend:

The student named above has given your name as a personal reference on an application for ministerial aid from the Board of Ministerial Education. It is our understanding from the above identified student that he/she has made a public commitment to a church-related ministerial vocation. Please return this form to the address noted on back so that this student's application may be considered.

Please check the response that most accurately corresponds to your opinion or impression.

1. CALL TO THE MINISTRY

- _____ Strong conviction about his/her call
- _____ Seems to be questioning or doubting his/her call
- _____ I don't know applicant well enough to respond.

2. EMOTIONAL STABILITY

- _____ Stable and mature for his/her age
- _____ Average stability and maturity
- _____ Unstable or immature for age
- _____ I don't know applicant well enough to respond.

3. DESIRE TO PREPARE HIMSELF/HERSELF ACADEMICALLY

- _____ Outstanding initiative in study habits and self-discipline
- _____ Average study habits and self-discipline
- _____ Poor study habits and self-discipline
- _____ I don't know applicant well enough to respond.

4. PROMISE IN THE MINISTRY

- _____ Outstanding potential in ministry
- _____ Good potential in ministry
- _____ Evidence of potential not apparent
- _____ I don't know applicant well enough to respond.

5. PERSONAL COMPATIBILITY (ability to get along with others)

- _____ Likes people, outgoing and good leadership potential
- _____ Relates well to individuals but not groups
- _____ Relates well to groups but not individual people
- _____ Poor interpersonal relationships
- _____ I don't know applicant well enough to respond.

6. MARITAL AND FAMILY STATUS

- _____ Married
- _____ Single
- _____ Married, but now separated or divorced
- _____ Children (If yes, how many? _____)

7. FAMILY BACKGROUND

- _____ Stable Christian home
- _____ Christian home, but unstable
- _____ One or both parents not Christian
- _____ Poor home life (Please elaborate below)
- _____ Parents divorced or separated
- _____ Raised by single parent or guardian
- _____ I don't know applicant well enough to respond.

8. PARTICIPATION IN CHURCH ACTIVITIES

- _____ Very faithful and supportive
- _____ Active most of the time
- _____ Irregular in attendance and support
- _____ Not active at all
- _____ I don't know applicant well enough to respond.

9. FINANCIAL NEEDS

- _____ No family support or employment and needs all possible help
- _____ Some family support or employment, but needs some help
- _____ Able to pay own expenses
- _____ I don't know applicant well enough to respond

10. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION I FEEL IS IMPORTANT

- _____ Please check here and write on bottom of this page or on separate sheet.

Please sign this recommendation in the space below, understanding that the above information will be treated as confidential and is for the exclusive use of the Board of Ministerial Education in determining the student's eligibility for ministerial aid. Please send this letter to:

Mrs. Anne Albritton, Secretary
Board of Ministerial Education
P.O. Box 1843
Madison, MS 39130-1843

Your prompt reply will help us better serve our ministerial students!

Signature of Reference _____ Date

Phone number if you would not object to responding to inquiry over the phone:
_____. Your relationship to this student: _____

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PASTOR'S LETTER OF REFERENCE

Student's Name _____

Dear Pastor:

The student named above has given your name as his/her home pastor on an application for ministerial aid from the Board of Ministerial Education. It is our understanding from the above identified student that he/she has made a public commitment in the church to a Southern Baptist church-related ministerial vocation. Please complete and return this form to the address noted on the back of this sheet so that this student's application may be considered.

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10. PUBLIC COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY

- _____ Applicant has made a public commitment to ministry in my church. Date _____
- _____ Applicant has been licensed/ordained in my church. Date _____
- _____ Applicant has made a public commitment to ministry in another church.
- _____ Applicant has been licensed/ordained in another church.
- _____ To my knowledge, applicant is not licensed/ordained and has not made a public commitment to ministry.

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PASTOR'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

CHURCH NAME AND ADDRESS _____

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID AGREEMENT

In applying to the Board of Ministerial Education (BME) of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board (MBCB) for financial aid, I, the undersigned student, acknowledge my understanding of the following and do agree to the conditions for financial aid herein stated.

1. I understand that the monies used for financial aid for church-related vocational ministerial students come through the Cooperative Program and are allocated to the Board of Ministerial Education in the annual Cooperative Program budgets of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. It is my understanding that this financial aid is designated for disbursement only to students committed to, and who later actually engage in, Southern Baptist local church-related vocational ministry, evangelism, or SBC missions. I understand that such financial aid funds, if approved, are for the purpose of preparing me for a Southern Baptist church ministry.
2. I further understand and agree that if for any reason I do not continue in my college work until graduation, and/or do not go on to serve as a Southern Baptist local church minister, evangelist, or SBC missionary, I am legally obligated to pay back to the Board of Ministerial Education the amount of money given me in financial aid while in college.
3. I further understand that for each academic year I receive financial aid from the Board of Ministerial Education, I am obligated to serve one year in a Southern Baptist church-related full-time ministry after completing my college and/or seminary training. I also understand that two years of part-time service in a ministerial capacity on a Southern Baptist church staff while a student in college or seminary will count for one year in which financial aid was received, and that two years of service in a bi-vocational ministry on a Southern Baptist church staff after completing my college or seminary training will also count for one year in which financial aid was provided. Internships on a Southern Baptist Church staff and camp staff positions in SBC sponsored camps may count for up to half of the ministerial service obligation.
4. I further agree that in order for my personal file in the records of the Board of Ministerial Education to be kept current, I will inform the Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education about the places and tenures of my church-related vocational ministry until such time that the period of my obligation to the Board of Ministerial Education has elapsed.

My understanding and acceptance of the terms of this binding agreement, and my pledge to abide by the terms stated above, are acknowledged by my signature below.

Student

BME Representative

Date