

## **FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PARIS, TENNESSEE**

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE UNION UNIVERSITY MATCHING SCHOLARSHIP**

First Baptist Church of Paris, Tennessee established the Union University Matching Scholarship (1) by reason of our appreciation for the quality Christian education which is afforded at Union University, (2) because of our sincere concern for the financial needs of students who choose to attend this Baptist university, and (3) because of our commitment to educating our young adults within such a Christian environment.

The following guidelines shall govern the use of funds from each year's earned interest of principal deposited with Union University on behalf of First Baptist Church for eligible students attending Union University.

1. Scholarship assistance shall be made available to members of First Baptist Church who have continuous "good standing" membership for at least two full years immediately prior to April 1, proceeding the fall term the scholarship is available. The term "Church Membership" means membership of the church itself. "Good Standing" is interpreted as regular Sunday School and Worship attendance, financial support, and participation in church activities.
2. An exception to the above guideline requiring church membership for scholarship assistance will be made if the student meets the following criteria: (a) He/She has been called by the Lord as a full-time or part-time staff member at another Southern Baptist Church. (b) All other requirements set forth in the guidelines are met.
3. Scholarship assistance shall be made available to persons who are full-time students in an undergraduate program. Full-time students are currently working to complete their education and are enrolled for 12 or more hours each fall and spring term. College seniors graduating at the end of the fall term may apply for one term (half year) scholarship assistance. College transfers must apply for admission to Union University and file for financial assistance by the appropriate deadline.
4. No student shall be eligible for scholarship assistance who is on official discipline probation or who does not maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average.
5. There shall be no age limit.
6. Scholarship assistance shall be available for only one bachelor's degree.
7. Scholarship assistance shall apply to room, board, tuition, required textbooks and required classroom materials and fees.
8. Available funds shall be distributed equally among eligible church members subject to conditions in 1-7 above, and the receiving of scholarship aid will not be negated by other assistance the student

may receive up to the full 100% of his/her school cost (see #9 below). Actual monetary awards will be determined by total funds available each year. These funds will vary depending upon the total number of participants, interest rates, and continued growth of the scholarship funds. Therefore, no student should assume they will receive a given amount until the scholarships are awarded annually.

9. Federal guidelines for financial aid prohibit students from receiving more funds than the total dollars necessary to meet the student's financial need.
10. In the event that a First Baptist Church student who has been awarded scholarship money withdraws from Union University, the student is to notify the church office and such award will be assigned to newly available students or redistributed to those already awarded.
11. Students must complete an application form and file for standard admissions and financial aid (required by Union University) each year before eligibility can be considered and submitted to Union University.
12. Application forms can be obtained through the church office or the church website. Announcements concerning the scholarship will be published in the church bulletin and newsletter during the months of February and March each year. Application forms must be returned to the church office by April 1.
13. The Church Scholarship Committee shall be composed of the Senior Pastor, Minister of Students, the Chairman of the Deacons, and three other members to be selected by the Nominating Committee and elected by the church. It will be the responsibility of this committee to determine qualified recipients.
14. Anyone who wishes to contest the principles or procedures governing these Scholarship Guidelines shall be referred to the Church Scholarship Committee and, if necessary, to the church as a whole.
15. Any amendment needed to these procedures shall be brought before the church by the Church Scholarship Committee.

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