

PROCEDURE 12.03.01.01 – SEMINARIAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR FULL TIME CHRISTIAN SERVICE

OBJECTIVES

To provide financial assistance or seminarian scholarship (Scholarship) to Christians preparing for full time Christian service through seminary education.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to all CBC members who feel led to full time Christian service and who meet the eligibility requirements below.

PROCEDURES, COORDINATION AND APPROVAL

1. Eligibility of Applicants
 - a. The Recipient shall be a student of an accredited seminary, accredited Bible college, or an accredited university and who majors in Christian ministry training during the period he is under scholarship from CBC. The seminary or Bible college shall be of like faith as CBC.
 - b. The Recipient is available for CBC members who have been a member of CBC for at least one year prior to applying.
 - c. CBC full-time employed staff are not eligible to apply or be Recipients of the scholarship.
2. Guidelines for Selecting Scholarship Recipients
 - a. The Recipient must be a born again Christian and have a definite calling for full time Christian ministry after completing the study.
 - b. The Scholarship is granted on the basis of the Applicant's need, which may include tuition, books, fees, family size, and cost of living.
 - c. The Scholarship granted to each Recipient may be up to the maximum of 100% of the annual seminary costs or a maximum of \$5,000 annually, whichever is less.
 - d. The application for scholarship is on an individual basis. Married couples may apply individually as long as each applicant is eligible.
3. Application Procedure
 - a. Eligible persons (Applicants) must complete and submit the Seminarian Scholarship Support Application Form to the Missions Committee. (See form at the end.)
 - b. Applicants shall submit at least one letter of recommendation from a pastor and copy of the letter of acceptance from the college or seminary where the Applicant plans to attend.
 - c. Applicants shall be interviewed by at least members of the Missions Committee (in person whenever possible) and at least one CBC pastor.
 - d. Applicants are declared scholarship recipients (Recipients) by a final majority vote by the Missions Committee and approval by the Sr. Pastor.
 - e. Applicants shall sign an acceptance letter from CBC stating that he/she understands and will abide by the expectations and terms set forth in Sections 2. through 7. of "Procedures, Coordination and Approval" herein.
4. Term of Support
 - a. All seminarians receiving a scholarship from CBC must submit their grade reports to the Missions Committee at the end of each semester/quarter. Failure to do so may jeopardize the continuation of receiving financial assistance. The Applicant is expected to maintain a grade point average of at least a B average and demonstrate faithfulness in study.
 - b. All seminarians receiving a scholarship from CBC must keep in touch with the church through the Missions Committee at least one per semester/quarter so that the Missions Committee can pray for any specific needs and help with any additional needs that the seminary student may have.
 - c. Applications for renewal of financial assistance will be reviewed on a yearly basis. All current Recipients are accountable to report any reduction in financial need to the Missions Committee. Renewal applications shall be submitted at least three months prior to the start of the school year; late applications will be considered if there are extenuating circumstances that prevent the Applicant from meeting this deadline. The scholarship award will be given on a quarterly or semester basis.

- d. All seminarians receiving a scholarship from CBC shall notify the Missions Committee when making any changes in their academic program or school, and must reapply for financial assistance. Failure to do so will jeopardize the continuation of receiving financial assistance.
5. **Seminarian Scholarship Agreement**
The Missions Committee expects the Scholarship Recipients to enter into full time Christian ministry within two years after graduation from seminary (except for the spouse of a minister) and remain in full time Christian ministry for at least two years. If the commitment is not satisfied, the Recipient is encouraged to pay back the total amount of the Seminarian Scholarship given to him/her as a matter of good stewardship of God's resources.
6. **Internship**
Internships are encouraged and are designed for the training of seminarians or missionaries who are seriously considering entering into full time Christian ministry. All Scholarship Recipients are encouraged to intern at CBC in between their studies. All CBC interns must obtain sponsorship and be under the supervision of a CBC ministerial staff member. Stipends for interns will be determined by the Missions Committee and the Personnel Committee.
7. **Fund Raising by Scholarship Recipients**
Applicants applying for the Seminarian Scholarship and/or Scholarship Recipients of CBC shall not engage in further fund raising in CBC (i.e. in fellowship and/or small group meetings, etc.) other than on an individual basis.

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Date _____

PERSONAL

1. Name _____
First Middle Last

Chinese Name _____

2. Permanent Mailing Address

Number and Street

City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____

3. Date of Birth _____

4. Phone Number _____

5. Single Married Divorced Separated Widowed

6. Family Members Names:

Spouse _____

Children _____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

_____ Age _____

7. Seminary to which you are applying or are currently enrolled

Name City State

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EDUCATION

List schools which you have attended – college, university, Bible School, or seminary

Date Attended From – To	School	Location	Major Field	Degree

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Please type your responses to the following on separate sheets. Limit your total response to three single-spaced pages.

1. Give a brief statement of your conversion.

2. What Christian work have you done since your conversion? State type of work, age group, and duration.

3. Describe your reason for dedicating yourself for seminary study? What encouragement or guidance have you received that God may be calling you to this ministry?

4. What form of Christian ministry do you anticipate entering after your seminary studies?

5. What is your long-term ministry or missions vision?

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FINANCIAL NEEDS (current supported seminarian may skip this section unless needs have changed)

Estimated monthly expense (please specify major items)

ITEM	COST
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Total annual amount	_____

EXPECTED FINANCIAL SOURCES	AMOUNT
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Amount still needed per year:	_____

What is your timing of need? _____

How long do you anticipate being in seminary? _____

LIST OF PERSONAL REFERENCES (at least two) include addresses and phone numbers

Name	Address	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

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This section to be filled out by the Missions Committee

Application reviewed and interview attended by the following Missions Committee Members:

_____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____

Application reviewed and interview by the following pastor(s):

_____ Date: _____
_____ Date: _____

Renewal of support: Applicant meets does not meet required reporting, grade point average and/or other requirements to continue receiving support from CBC.

Application approved by Missions Comm.: _____ Date: _____
(Missions Comm. Chairman)

Annual amount approved: \$_____

Application disapproved by: _____ Date: _____

Reasons for disapproval: _____

