



# CHURCH CERTIFICATION

## BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS MINISTERIAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Dear Church Leader:

In recognition of the divine call of God felt by those who minister, the Baptist General Convention of Texas (BGCT) provides financial assistance to Baptist\* students who are preparing for careers in church-related vocational ministry in Texas Baptist schools through the Ministerial Financial Assistance program (MFA).

Each applicant for the MFA 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. Also, the applicant must give evidence of certification of a call to ministry from his or her church. Please complete the Church Information portion of this form in order to fulfill this requirement for the student.

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

*-Vocational Theological Education, BGCT*

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| <b>STUDENT INFORMATION</b>  |                            |
| Name: _____   | Permanent Address: _____   |
| Social Security Number: _____   | City, State, Zip: _____    |
| Email: _____  |                            |
| <b>Complete one or more of the three options, as appropriate.</b>   |                            |
| <b>1. Statement of Certification (to be completed by the Church)</b>  |                            |
| Name of Church: _____   | Association: _____         |
| Mailing Address: _____  | Signed: _____ Pastor       |
| City, State, Zip: _____   | Signed: _____ Church Clerk |
| 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)   |                            |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is an active member of our church</li> <li>• has shown evidence of a divine call to Christian church vocational ministry</li> <li>• has shown sincere commitment to a career in church vocational ministry</li> <li>• has demonstrated a life-style of commitment to the principles of the Christian life</li> </ul> |                            |
| and, therefore, we recommend this person for the Ministerial Financial Assistance program of the Baptist General Convention of Texas at Logsdon Seminary.”  |                            |
| <b>2. License (attach a copy)</b> _____ was licensed to the ministry on _____   |                            |
| Church _____  | City, State _____          |
| (name of applicant)   | (Date)                     |
| <b>2. Ordination (attach a copy)</b> _____ was licensed to the ministry on _____  |                            |
| Church _____  | City, State _____          |
| (name of applicant)   | (Date)                     |

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

*Please return the completed form to:*  
 Logsdon Seminary  
 Hardin ★ Simmons University  
 Box 16235  
 Abilene, TX 79698-6235