

The Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society

Application for Scholarship Assistance and

Application for the Ernest H. Hatch and Charles F. Putnam Named Scholarship

To The Applicant

1. Complete the application.
2. Read Covenant of Agreement and sign.
3. Return form to school official to complete and sign.
4. If you are attending a New England Graduate School you must interview with the Executive Director of the Charitable Society.
5. Application deadline is July 31; Interviews are scheduled in August.
6. Grants are awarded once a year.

Grant Criteria

1. Be in a program which is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools.
2. Be a matriculated student.
3. Be serving at least 19 hours a week in a recognized ministry in Massachusetts.
4. Have a recognized ABC/USA ordination.
5. Have standing in the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts.
6. Also, if you are completing a Master of Divinity degree and meet the above criteria you are eligible to apply for a grant.

Ernest H. Hatch and Charles F. Putnam Scholarship Criteria

1. Meet the above grant criteria.
2. Write a one-page essay on how you think your studies will enhance your particular ministry as well as your ministry to the wider family of believers. The essay must be submitted at the time of your interview.

Return all application materials to the Executive Director. For further information, contact

The Rev. Dr. G. Jean Wright,
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If you have any questions, please contact the Executive Director.

History of the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society

The Society has been aiding spouses and children of deceased American Baptist clergy since 1794 when the Warren Association voted to receive an annual collection for such purposes. The Society incorporated in 1821 when a Mrs. Sparhawk bequeathed \$1,000 for this compassionate ministry.

Monthly grants are provided to spouses of deceased American Baptist clergy who have served in Massachusetts and who currently have assets below \$100,000 (not including home and car) and annual incomes below \$32,000.

Due to the faithfulness of individuals and congregations and the excellent stewarding of Society monies by the Investment Committee, in 1991 the Society's ministry expanded to include emergency grants to Baptist clergy for personal and/or family needs. The Society often works in collaboration with the Conference of Baptist Ministers and the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) in meeting such needs.

Beginning in 1996, the Society initiated assistance to ordained American Baptist clergy for repayment of educational loans taken in preparation for ordained ministry. The Charitable Society aids with education loan repayment grants in order to support TABCOM ordained clergy who are serving in recognized ministry in Massachusetts to diminish indebtedness accumulated while achieving the Bachelor and Master of Divinity degrees.

In 2000, the Charitable Society began granting scholarship aid to Massachusetts American Baptist clergy in the process of receiving a post-Master of Divinity degree. Those enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry, Ph.D., Th.D., or S.T.M. degree program that is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools are eligible for these scholarships. In addition to these general scholarships, there are two special named scholarships, described below, for which one may also apply.

Ernest H. Hatch and Charles F. Putnam Scholarships

Mr. Ernest H. Hatch faithfully and competently served the Charitable Society as Treasurer and as a member of the Investment Committee for 17 years prior to his death in February 1999. Mr. Charles Putnam served as a wise steward of the Society's investment portfolio for many years prior to his retirement in 1999. These scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, are in honor of their ministry to the Charitable Society as well as the wider body of believers.

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Application for the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society-Confidential

Name: _____ SSN: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: (h) _____ (o) _____ (c) _____
E-mail: _____ Fax: _____
Marital Status: _____ Number of Dependents, if applicable: _____

Name and Address of Recognized Ministry: _____

Are you full-time or part-time: _____ 19+ hours per week? Y ___ N ___

Name of Educational Institution: _____
Degree Program: _____ Credits this semester: _____ Total to Date: _____
Number of Credits Remaining: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Date Received Master of Divinity: _____ Seminary: _____
Date of Ordination: _____ Recognized by TABCOM? Y ___ N ___
Do You Have Standing With TABCOM: Y ___ N ___

Educational Expenses

Tuition: \$ _____ Books: \$ _____ Travel: \$ _____
Other Related Educational Expenses (Please List): _____

Total Semester Expenses: \$ _____ Total Year: \$ _____

Income Related to Educational Expenses

Self: \$ _____ Family: \$ _____
Grants/Scholarships/Loans (Please List): \$ _____

Total Educational Income: \$ _____
Educational Expenses Minus Educational Income: \$ _____

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COVENANT OF AGREEMENT

I hereby certify to the Board of the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society that I have made a correct answer to each inquiry of this application, have conformed to the criteria as set forth by the Society, and that it continues to be my unwavering purpose to devote my life to the work of the gospel ministry through the American Baptist Churches USA, and that I need and hereby solicit aid from the Charitable Society.

I give permission for the Financial Aid Officer of my educational institution to release information about me to the official representatives of the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society.

Signature

Date

I hereby certify that this student is a matriculated student at this institution.

(Graduate School Official)

Date

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