

Robert D. McCray Vocational Ministry Scholarship

The Robert D. McCray Vocational Ministry Scholarship provides financial assistance to Tennessee Baptist students who are preparing for church-related vocational ministry. The scholarship, after initial award, can be reviewed and renewed annually upon application and acceptance for a total of four years. The annual award is \$1000.00.

Requirements for initial eligibility:

- The applicant plans to pursue Christian church-related vocational ministry in the Baptist tradition.
- Letter of endorsement and certification by a Tennessee Baptist church, either through ordination, license, or statement of certification.
- Submission of scholarship application forms to the **Chair of the Religion Department by Dec 1.**
- Submission of a written testimony that gives evidence of salvation experience and God's leading to vocational ministry.
- Letter of recommendation from home pastor, certifying applicant's involvement with, support of, and commitment to the applicant's home church.

Requirements for scholarship renewal eligibility:

- The applicant continues to plan on pursuing a Christian church-related vocational ministry in the Baptist tradition.
- Letter of certification from an east Tennessee Baptist church, certifying applicant's involvement with, support of, and commitment to a local Baptist church.
- Submission of scholarship renewal forms to the Chair of the Religion Department.
- Submission of an updated written testimony that gives evidence of God's continued leading to vocational ministry.
- The maintaining of a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for previous coursework.
- Attendance at all activities, meetings and/or coursework during the previous year that is required of all scholarship recipients.

Eligibility for the ministry scholarship must be reviewed and reaffirmed annually. The renewal application should be completed and submitted prior to Dec 1 each year.

Further scholarship requirements include:

- All scholarship recipients must successfully complete REL 201 "Introduction to Ministry" which includes both a classroom element and a field experience internship during their third (preferable) or fourth year of study.
- All scholarship recipients must attend two McCray events each semester. These may include fellowship, educational, and/or service opportunities. These meetings are planned in order to provide additional resources for enhancing vocational ministry skills and peer fellowship support. A ministry scholarship recipient may forfeit his or her financial assistance for the

following and succeeding semesters by not meeting this requirement. Make-up assignments for absences will be provided at the discretion of the Chair of the Religion Department.

- All scholarship recipients are to be involved in the life of a local Tennessee Baptist church during their course of study, certified through scholarship renewal application each year.
- Any scholarship recipient will forfeit financial assistance if he or she commits a behavioral infraction that results in disciplinary probation.

For more information contact the Chair of the Religion Department:

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Application Form

Carson-Newman University

Initial Application

Renewal Application

Mail to: **Religion Department, Carson-Newman University, C-N Box 71899, Jefferson City, TN 37760** or fax to **(865)471-3502**.

Name: _____
Last First MI Preferred

Social Security # _____ Student ID # (if applicable): _____

Major(s) _____ & _____ Hours Completed: _____

Classification: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Campus Box #: _____ Email Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Permanent Phone #: (_____) _____ Cell Phone #: (_____) _____
Area Code Number Area Code Number

As you currently understand your call to ministry, check up to three area(s) that best characterize that calling:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pastoral Ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth | <input type="checkbox"/> College/Singles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music/Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Children/Preschool | <input type="checkbox"/> Counseling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> International Missions | <input type="checkbox"/> North American Missions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Camp/Retreat | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Planting | <input type="checkbox"/> Media/Arts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Evangelism | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Needs | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion Professor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bi-vocational | <input type="checkbox"/> Wellness | <input type="checkbox"/> Undecided |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | | |

Statement of Agreement

I hereby apply for the Robert D. McCray Vocational Ministry Scholarship program and affirm my commitment to understanding God's call on my life's ministry. I have read and agree to the requirements associated with this scholarship, understanding that a failure to fulfill the requirements may forfeit my eligibility for receiving scholarship funds.

Signed

Date

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Written Testimony of Salvation and Personal Call to Ministry
(To be completed by Applicant)

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Pastor's Letter of Recommendation

(To be completed by the pastor and mailed separately from the application form to **Chair, Religion Department, Carson-Newman University, C-N Box 71899, Jefferson City, TN 37760** or faxed to **(865) 471-3502.**)

Church _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor Signature

Date

Pastor's Name _____

Print or Typed

Robert D. McCray Vocational Ministry Scholarship
Carson-Newman University
CHURCH CERTIFICATION FORM

Dear Church Leader:

In recognition of the divine call of God felt by those who minister, Carson-Newman University provides financial assistance to Tennessee Baptist Students who are preparing for careers in church-related vocations. Each applicant to the scholarship 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 Tennessee Baptist church. The applicant is required to provide certification from his or her church in **one**

Of the following forms:

- A letter of certification of a call to vocational ministry and active church participation, or
- A certificate of license to the gospel ministry, or
- A certificate of ordination to the gospel ministry.

In submitting this certification form, your church joins with Carson-Newman University in being faithful stewards in the training of young ministerial students and, ultimately, the spread of the gospel. Thank you for joining us in this sacred trust. Please complete the "Church Information Section" and the "Church Certification Section" when presented to you by the applicant. The form should be returned to the applicant for submittal with all other materials required for application to this program.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name _____ Phone: _____

CHURCH INFORMATION SECTION

Name of Church _____ Association _____

Mailing Address _____

Signed _____

Pastor

Church Clerk

CHURCH CERTIFICATION SECTION

Statement of Certification

The following statement was approved by a vote of the congregation on _____ (date).

"We hereby certify that _____ is an individual who:

(Name of Applicant)

- Is an active member of our church
- Has shown evidence of a call to Christian ministry
- Has demonstrated a life-style of commitment to the principles of the Christian life.

And we recommend this person for Carson-Newman University's vocational ministry scholarship program."

License to Ministry

_____ was licensed to the gospel ministry by our church on _____

Applicant's Name

Date

Ordination

_____ was ordained to the gospel ministry by our church on _____

Applicant's Name

Date