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 Dean of the School of Religion by May 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 Dean of the School of Religion.
- 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 May 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 Dean of the School of Religion.

- 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.
- Recipients are encouraged to attend all on-campus opportunities for ministry enrichment provided to east Tennessee pastors through the Norton Institute for Congregational Health, including but not limited to its fall and spring pastors’ conferences.

For more information contact the Dean of the School of Religion:

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Robert D. McCray Vocational Ministry Scholarship
Application Form
Carson-Newman College

Mail to: Dean School of Religion, Carson-Newman College, 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: ___________________________________

Permanennt Address: __________________________________________________________________________

Permanennt Phone #: (______) __________________ Cell Phone #: (______) ____________________________

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

□ Pastoral Ministry □ Youth □ College/Singles
□ Music/Worship □ Children/Preschool □ Counseling
□ Education □ International Missions □ North American Missions
□ Recreation/Camp/Retreat □ Church Planting □ Media/Arts
□ Evangelism □ Special Needs □ Religion Professor
□ Bi-vocational □ Wellness □ Undecided
□ 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
Robert D. McCray Vocational Ministry Scholarship  
Carson-Newman College  
CHURCH CERTIFICATION FORM

Dear Church Leader:
In recognition of the divine call of God felt by those who minister, Carson-Newman College 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 College 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 College’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
Robert D. McCray Vocational Ministry Scholarship
Carson-Newman College
Written Testimony of Salvation and Personal Call to Ministry
(To be completed by Applicant)
Robert D. McCray Vocational Ministry Scholarship
Carson-Newman College
Pastor’s Letter of Recommendation

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

Church __________________________________________________________________________

Address_______________________________City____________________State_______Zip________

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Pastor Signature ____________________________ Date ________________________________

Pastor’s Name ______________________________________________________________________

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