

GUIDELINES FOR SELECTING AND AWARDING THE *CHARLES A. STEVENS MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP*

I. DESCRIPTION

- A. The *Charles A. Stevens Ministerial Scholarship* will be given to individual(s) each year who are following the call of God into vocational ministry and preparing themselves for this call by attending a school of higher education (undergraduate, graduate, seminary, or technical/community college).
- B. The memory and example of Rev. Charles Stevens shall guide the Scholarship Team in selecting the yearly receipt(s) from those who apply.
- C. The funds for this “Scholarship” shall come from the yearly interest drawn on the *Charles A. Stevens Ministerial Scholarship Fund* held by the *Baptist Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.*

II. APPLICANTS

- A. Open to all individuals of who are active members of a church in current membership with the New South River Baptist Association.
- B. Must be seeking education beyond the high school level.
- C. Must complete and submit an application each year to the *Charles A. Stevens Ministerial Scholarship Team* of the NSRBA.

III. RECIPIENTS

- A. Shall exhibit a life that has a strong demonstration of:
 - a. Having accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.
 - b. Having a clear affirmed sense of the call of Jesus Christ to serve in ministry in the local church and or mission field.
- B. Shall have already received acceptance into or already attending, a recognized college, university, seminary, or technical/community college.
- C. Must submit a copy of a verifying document (school receipt, etc.) from the designated school, demonstrating the recipient’s matriculation for the up-coming Semester/Quarter. (This is to be sent to the NSRBA within thirty (30) days of receipt of Scholarship.) recipients

IV. SCHOLARSHIPS

- A. Maybe awarded to one or more eligible recipients, at the discretion of the *Charles A. Stevens Ministerial Scholarship Team*, and in the amounts determined solely by the Scholarship Team.
- B. Shall be awarded on a one-year basis.
 - a. Applicants must submit an application each school year in order to be considered for a scholarship.
 - b. Applicants may only receive consideration for a scholarship for a maximum of five (5) school years (Fall and Spring Semester/Quarters), but need not be consecutive years.
- C. Will be awarded in the following manner:
 - a. If the award amount is \$499.00 or less:
 - 1. It will be given by check made out to the recipient(s).
 - 2. The full amount of the award will be given in one (1) payment.

3. It will be given within thirty (30) days following the decision of the recipient(s) by the *Charles A. Stevens Ministerial Scholarship Team*.
- b. If the award amount is \$500.00 or more:
1. It will be given by check made out to the school the recipient is attending and not to the recipient, but may be delivered to the recipient for him/her to deposit with the school of attendance.
 2. It will given in two (2) payments, each being one half (1/2) of the total amount of the given scholarship, one payment will be made for the immediate Fall Semester/Quarter of school and one for the following Spring Semester/Quarter of school in which the recipient is enrolled.
 3. The first payment will be given within thirty (30) days following the decision of the recipient(s) by the *Charles A. Stevens Ministerial Scholarship Team*.
 4. The second payment will be made within thirty (30) days of the recipient's notification to the NSRBA of their up-coming matriculation date.
- D. If in a given year no application is given, or the Scholarship Team determines that no applicant qualifies, the scholarship will not be given and the money will be reinvested into the *Scholarship Fund*.
- E. In the event that the New South River Baptist Association ceases to exist, the Board of Directors of *The North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc.* in its sole discretion, shall select and designate worthy beneficiaries who are attending or have been accepted to a recognized college, university, seminary, or technical/community college, who are following the call of God into ministry with the desire to serve in a local Body of Christ and or mission field.

*A copy of these guidelines shall be attached to the endowment agreement existing between New South River Baptist Association and the *Baptist Foundation of North Carolina, Inc.*, and a copy will be made available to each prospective applicant.

**These "Up-Dated" guidelines for the *Charles A. Stevens Ministerial Scholarship* were approved by the *Charles A. Stevens Ministerial Scholarship Team* on July 27, 2016.