

*RICHARD EDWARDS MEMORIAL
MINISTERIAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR
FRUITLAND BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE*
APPLICATION

Deadline for Applications – August 14, 2026

Mail Completed Application to:
Richard Edwards Memorial Ministerial Scholarship Team
New South River Baptist Association
P.O. Box 298
Fayetteville, NC 28302

DESCRIPTION:

The *Richard Edwards Memorial 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 *Fruitland Baptist Bible College* 1455 Gilliam Road, Hendersonville, North Carolina (the alma mater of Richard Edwards). This scholarship is open to all individuals who are active members of a church in current membership with the New South River Baptist Association.

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 an education for following the call of God into vocational ministry at *Fruitland Baptist Bible College*.
- C. Must have already received acceptance into or already attending *Fruitland Baptist Bible College* 1455 Gilliam Road, Hendersonville, North Carolina
- D. Must complete and submit an application each year to the *Richard Edwards Memorial Ministerial Scholarship Team* of the NSRBA.

Name _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Church you attend _____

Undergraduate, Graduate, Seminary, or Technical/Community College you currently attend or plan to attend this coming school year:

Major _____ Minor (if any) _____

Marital Status _____ Number Children (if any) _____

Please give a brief description of your call to serve in vocational ministry and the goal(s) you desire to achieve.

Rev. Richard Edwards served as pastor of churches in Bladen, Robeson, and Cumberland counties North Carolina. During his ministry he was known for his kind pastoral heart, and his love of gospel music. An important part of his preparation for ministry was his attendance of *Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute*, as it was known then, a place which left a lasting impression on him and his ministry. As a pastor he sought to reach out to everyone in both their times of trials and their everyday lives, with a word of encouragement and a desire to know all whom he met. His strong voice proclaimed the wonders of Jesus Christ in both sermons and songs, using the foundations taught him during his time at *Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute*.

In light of whom Rev. Edwards was please share how you can continue on his ministry legacy as a recipient of this scholarship.

Please give a brief and candid description of your financial need for this scholarship, including other scholarships and grants awarded:

Please attach the following items to your application:

1. A letter of reference from the pastor of the church you are a member of (or if you currently serve as pastor the reference letter may be from the current chairman of deacons).
2. One (1) additional letter of reference from a non-family member.
3. A copy of a verifying document (school acceptance letter, registration, etc.) from *Fruitland Baptist Bible College*, demonstrating the recipient's plans to attend upcoming school year.

*Each applicant will be notified by postal mail of the decision of *Richard Edwards Memorial Ministerial Scholarship Team*, within thirty (30) days of their decision.

**Scholarships

- A. Maybe awarded to one or more eligible recipients, at the discretion of the *Richard Edwards Memorial Ministerial Scholarship Team*, and in the amounts determined solely by the Scholarship Team.
- B. Shall be awarded on a one-year basis.
 1. Applicants must submit an application each school year in order to be considered for a scholarship.
 2. 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.