

HARDIN BAPTIST CHURCH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

FALL 2026/SPRING 2027 APPLICATION FORM

(Applications and all materials must be received in the church office by June 7, 2026 at noon to be eligible)

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

LAST SCHOOL/INSTITUTION ATTENDED _____

CURRENT SCHOOL/INSTITUTION ATTENDING _____

NUMBER YEARS MEMBERSHIP AT HARDIN BAPTIST CHURCH _____

(Please see Eligibility Requirements below in the Guidelines for HBC Religious Education Scholarship.)

Instructions:

Use page 1 Applicant Information as a cover sheet. Then create and attach separate pages for Sections I-IV. Label each page with the appropriate title and page number. Use double-spaced, 12-point type.

Submit a copy of the completed application and ALL required documents and letters of support to the church office by noon CST June 7, 2026. All the required documents must be submitted together at one time and not separately at different times.

I. Testimony of Salvation

- A. Describe your personal testimony of Salvation.
- B. Describe your personal spiritual growth and current relationship with Christ. **(past scholarship recipients: focus on part B)**

II. Call to the Ministry

- A. Describe your call to the ministry.
- B. Describe the area of ministry you feel led to pursue at this time and your plans for fulfilling your educational goals for that area.

III. Church and Community Involvement and Leadership

- A. Describe your commitment to your church/community with examples of volunteer work, civic, and other group activities.
- B. Describe any specific leadership roles in which you have been involved in your church/community.

IV. Letters of Support

Include a **minimum of three (3)** letters of support. One should be from a **current** or recent teacher, professor, or school administrator who would have thorough knowledge of your educational aptitude and one from any church leader other than the Senior Pastor of HBC. **The letters should be current and dated January 1, 2026 or later. Past recipients may ask the same individuals they have used as references on past applications to provide a current letter of support.**

V. Academic Standing and Transcript

Have the institution you are now attending, or last attended, send one **official** transcript to the Hardin Baptist Church Scholarship Committee. For example, if you just completed undergraduate work, but have not yet begun graduate school, send the undergraduate transcript. High school transcripts should include ACT/SAT scores, Grade Point Average, and Class Ranking. If your institution provides an official electronic transcript, and you prefer to use that method, the contact is tgreer0901@gmail.com. Hardcopy transcripts should be sent to:

**HBC Scholarship Committee
PO Box 35**

GUIDELINES FOR HBC RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Hardin Baptist Church will be awarding scholarships to Hardin Baptist members or former members who are pursuing higher education in the field of Christian ministry.

The eligibility requirements are as follows:

1. First Time Applicant: The applicant **must be an active member and regular attendee** of Hardin Baptist Church for 1 or more years prior to July 1st of the initial application date for scholarship.
2. Re-applicant: An applicant that has previously received a scholarship from Hardin Baptist Church **must be an active member and a regular attendee** of Hardin Baptist Church or another Baptist church and there **must be no break in enrollment in a degree** to a qualified seminary (as defined by the Lead Pastor of HBC) from the initial application date that a scholarship was awarded by Hardin Baptist Church.
- 3 The student must feel led of God to pursue a career in the ministry.
4. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 at the current school/institution attending.
- 5 The award shall be used for post-secondary education in college, Bible College, or seminary. The student must use any award monies toward expenses directly related to their education in the field of Christian ministry, such as the cost of tuition, books, course fees, and similar expenses.
6. The awardees are expected to provide to the committee a statement of how the monies were used on or before May 1, 2027.
7. An applicant who has received a past HBC Scholarship award must provide a summary of how the previous award was expended before a new application will be considered.
8. Any scholarship award is for use during one academic year. The student may apply again each school year as long as the student is still pursuing the course of study in Christian ministry and exhibits a desire to continue that course of study.

Selection Process:

The HBC Scholarship Committee will determine scholarship awards. To ensure consistency in scoring, the committee will use a rubric to score applications.

Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria (see attached rubric):

- Testimony of Salvation
- Call to the Ministry
- Church and Community Involvement and Leadership
- Letters of Support
- Academic Standing and Transcript
- Communication Skills

If you need clarification with this process please contact Tim Greer, Chairman.
(tgreer0901@gmail.com)

Return the completed application to the church office or mail to:

**HBC Scholarship Committee
PO Box 35
Hardin, KY 42048**

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