

MICHIGAN BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY (MBSS) INITIAL APPLICATION FOR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR

Applicants must complete and sign this application and also provide the following:

1. A letter from your pastor or the governing body of your church indicating your membership in an ABC/Michigan church, together with a recommendation stating the reasons you merit MBSS scholarship support.
2. Copy of an official transcript from the most recent school attended.
3. Letter of reference from a teacher, professor, or other official from a current or recent school.
4. Copy of the official letter of acceptance from the school you will attend.
5. A typed or computer-generated autobiographical essay (usually two or three pages) describing your Christian experience, call to professional church vocation, and career goals.
6. A recent photograph. (A five to ten minute video presentation about yourself or a personal interview with the MBSS Board or a Board Member is encouraged, but not mandatory).
7. Applicants to an accredited non-ABC Christian school must submit a copy of the institution's theological values and mission statement (usually found in its catalog). MBSS will review these to assure compatibility with ABC core beliefs and practices.
8. (For seminary and other graduate school applicants only): A letter from Dr. Michael Williams, ABC of Michigan Executive Minister, indicating that you contacted him (by letter and phone if not in person) about your present plans and circumstances. His e-mail: mawilliams@abc-mi.org and his office phone: 800-632-2953.

Type or print clearly:

Name (circle Mr./Ms.) _____ D.O.B. _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Home Church _____ City/State _____

Joining Date _____ Church involvements _____

School you will attend _____

address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____ E-mail _____

Major/Degree Program _____ Anticipated Completion Date _____

This application is for a (*circle*) full year/half year of support starting (month) _____ (year) _____

Number of credits you expect to earn in the next academic (*circle*) term/quarter/semester _____

How many credits does your school require to meet its definition of a full-time student in a
(*circle one*) term/quarter/semester _____.

In the fall of this year, I expect to be (*circle one*) an **undergraduate**: freshman, sophomore, junior, senior; or a **seminary**: freshman, middler, senior.

Explain below if these categories don't fit you. _____

Estimate your expenses and income for the next school year. Add attachments if you need more space or if you have some unique circumstances that you wish to explain. ***This information shall be treated confidentially and used only by MBSS in making scholarship decisions. The extent of your financial need is one of the major factors that MBSS considers. Applicants from churches that have supported MBSS may have priority over those from churches that have not supported MBSS.*** Estimated Expenses: Anticipated Income:

Tuition and fees \$ _____ Savings account \$ _____

Room and board _____ From parents/others _____

Books _____ Employment _____

Car/transportation _____ List scholarships/grants & amounts: _____

Clothing /personal needs _____

Insurance/medical _____

Tithe/contributions _____

Other (itemize) _____

Total \$ _____ Current amount of indebtedness and reason(s)

for it _____

Agreement: After prayer and consultation with others, I believe that I qualify for an MBSS Scholarship because I meet all MBSS criteria. If chosen for support, I realize that I must maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and earn no less than the amount of credit required to maintain my status as a full time student. I agree to help publicize and support the aims of MBSS. Unless I submit a written statement requesting otherwise, I authorize MBSS to use my picture and brief biographical highlights (along with those of other recipients) as part of a display exhibit and other publicity efforts. If I receive an MBSS Scholarship, but do not complete my education,, I promise to contact MBSS to describe the situation. Unless there are extenuating circumstances beyond my control that prevent me from completing my academic program, I accept moral responsibility to repay my MBSS Scholarship to help others who are going into professional church vocations.

Date _____ Signature of Applicant _____

Deadlines for complete applications and all supporting documents: June 30 for MBSS support beginning in the fall semester/quarter/term; October 15 for MBSS support beginning in the second semester/quarter/term.

Mail this application and supporting documents to:
Bruce Carr, *President, Michigan Baptist Scholarship Society*,
23436 N. Stockton Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48336.

If you have any questions, call 248-474-8916 or e-mail hbrucecarr@aol.com.