

# SCHOLARSHIPS AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

The Scholarships and Ministerial Education Funds Committee oversees financial awards “to further the educational development of (a) persons who are preparing for the Baptist ministry and (b) emerging leaders of all ages. “(Constitution, Article VII, Section D, The Committee on Scholarships and Ministerial Education Funds.)

Eligible Virginia Baptist students may receive assistance through:

- BGAV Academy Scholarships financing education at one of the BGAV-partnering academies;
- BGAV College Scholarships providing aid for undergraduate education;
- BGAV Ministerial Education Funds which support undergraduate or graduate education in preparation for vocational ministry; or,
- BGAV Nontraditional Ministry Education Scholarships that allow individuals to capitalize on opportunities to secure training and continuing education for work in the local church.
- BGAV Internship Grants made available to churches who want to provide internship opportunities in ministry settings

When it was created, the purpose of the BGAV Scholarships and Ministerial Education Funds was to “invest” in the lives of students who make up the ministries and Disciples of our cooperating Virginia Baptist Churches. Our aim, then and now, is to show that the Baptist General Association stands in partnership with individuals who are called to further their education and in particular, the preparation of ministers leading our congregations.

Despite the recent pandemic years, the Scholarship Committee has continued to answer the requests of many who sense a calling to “Higher Education.” This year, BGAV Churches have been able to assist 127 individuals who are a part of 83 different churches in our Association. Thank you for your gifts, partnerships and prayers that have enabled so many to further their training and education.

A Special Thanks goes to Leslie Straw of the BGAV for aiding our work. I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of this committee for the work they have done.

<b>AWARD</b>	<b>MONIES</b>	<b>RECIPIENTS</b>	<b>CHURCHES</b>	<b>INSTITUTIONS</b>
College	\$38,125	47	37	21
Ministerial	\$65,500	18	16	11
Nontraditional	\$18,300	48	22	2
Church Internships	\$16,500	14	8	N/A
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$138,425</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>34</b>

Respectfully submitted,

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