

SCHOLARSHIPS AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FUNDS COMMITTEE

OFFICIAL REPORT

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 Continuing Education Scholarships which renews pastors and staff ministers through conferences;
- BGAV College Scholarships providing aid for undergraduate education;
- BGAV Ministerial Education Funds which support undergraduate or graduate education in preparation for vocational ministry;
- BGAV Nontraditional Ministry Education Scholarships that allow individuals to capitalize on opportunities to secure training and continuing education for work in the local church; or,
- BGAV Internship Grants made available to churches who want to provide internships 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 of Association stands in partnership with men and women who are called to further their education, and particularly the preparation of ministers leading our congregations.

The unofficial name for this committee this year has been, “The Making Dreams and Opportunities Possible Committee.”

This year, the committee has been informally known as the “Making Dreams and Opportunities Possible Committee.” This year, BGAV Churches have been able to assist 80 individuals who are a part of 57 different churches in our Association. Thank you for your gifts, partnerships and prayers that have enabled so many to further their training and education.

We are thankful to Leslie Straw for her presence and help in our work. I would like to express my gratitude to all the members of this committee for the work they have done.

Award	Monies	Recipients	Churches	Institutions
College	\$37,000	38	29	24
Continuing Education	\$3,000	3	3	
Ministerial	\$59,000	10	6	7
Nontraditional	\$7,270	22	12	1
Church Internships	\$13,200	7	7	
Unique Totals	\$119,470	80	57	32

Respectfully submitted,

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