

The Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society

Application for Scholarship Assistance and

Application for the Ernest H. Hatch and Charles F. Putnam Named Scholarships

To the Applicant

1. Complete the application.
2. Read Covenant of Agreement and sign.
3. Return form to school official to complete and sign.
4. If you are attending a New England Graduate School you must interview with the Executive Director of the Charitable Society.
5. Application deadline is July 31; Interviews are scheduled in August.
6. Grants are awarded once a year.

Grant Criteria

1. Be in a program which is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools.
2. Be a matriculated student.
3. Be serving at least 19 hours a week in a recognized ministry in Massachusetts.
4. Have a recognized ABC/USA ordination.
5. Have standing in the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts.
6. Also, if you are completing a Master of Divinity degree and meet the above criteria, you are eligible to apply for a grant.

Ernest H. Hatch and Charles F. Putnam Scholarship Criteria

1. Meet the above grant criteria.
2. Write a one-two page essay on how you think your studies will enhance your particular ministry as well as your ministry to the wider family of believers. The essay must be submitted at the time of your interview.

For more information, contact:

The Rev. Jean Wright, D.Min.
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Application for the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society

Name: _____ SSN: _____

Mailing Address: Street _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone #: (h) _____ (w) _____ (cell) _____

Email: _____ Fax: _____

Single: _____ Married: _____ Number of Dependents other than self: _____

Name & Address of Recognized Ministry: _____

_____ 19 + hours? Y _____

Educational Institution: _____

Degree Program: _____ Credits this semester: _____ Total to date: _____

Number of Credits Remaining: _____ Expected Date of Graduation: _____

Date received Master of Divinity: _____ School: _____

Date of Ordination: _____ Recognized by TABCOM? Y _____ N _____

Educational Expenses

Tuition: _____ Books: _____ Travel: _____

Other Related Educational Expenses: _____

Total Semester: _____ Total Year: _____

Income Related to Educational Expenses

Self: _____ Family: _____

Grants/Scholarships/Loans: _____

Total Education Income: _____

Educational Expenses minus Educational Income: _____

COVENANT OF AGREEMENT

I hereby certify to the Board of the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society that I have made a correct answer to each inquiry of this report, have conformed to the criteria as set forth by the Society, and that it continues to be my unwavering purpose to devote my life to the work of the gospel ministry through the American Baptist Churches USA, and that I need and hereby solicit aid from the Charitable Society. I give permission for the Financial Aid Officer of my educational institution to release information about me to the official representatives of the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society.

(Signature of Applicant)

(Date)

I hereby certify that this student is a matriculated student at this institution.

(Graduate School Official)

(Date)

History of the Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society

The Society has been aiding spouses and children of deceased American Baptist clergy since 1794 when the Warren Association voted to receive an annual collection for such purposes. The Society incorporated in 1821 when a Mrs. Sparhawk bequeathed \$1,000 for this compassionate ministry.

Monthly grants are provided to spouses of deceased American Baptist clergy who have served in Massachusetts and who currently have assets below \$100,000 (not including home and car) and annual incomes below \$25,000.

Due to the faithfulness of individuals and congregations and the excellent stewarding of Society monies by the Investment Committee, in 1991 the Society's ministry expanded to include emergency grants to Baptist clergy for personal and/or family needs. We often work in conjunction with the Conference of Baptist Ministers and the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) in meeting such needs.

Beginning in 1996, the Society initiated assistance to ordained American Baptist clergy for repayment of educational loans taken in preparation for ministry. The Charitable Society aids with education loan repayment grants in order to aid TABCOM ordained clergy who are serving in recognized ministry in Massachusetts to diminish indebtedness accumulated while achieving the Bachelor and Master of Divinity degrees.

In 2000, the Charitable Society began giving scholarship aid to Massachusetts American Baptist clergy in the process of receiving a post-Master of Divinity degree. Those enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry, Ph.D., Th.D., or S.T.M. degree program that is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools are eligible for these scholarships. In addition to these general scholarships, there are two special named scholarships, described below, for which one may also apply.

Ernest H. Hatch and Charles F. Putnam Scholarships

Mr. Ernest Hatch faithfully and competently served the Charitable Society as Treasurer and as a member of the Investment Committee for 17 years prior to his death in February 1999. Mr. Charles Putnam served as a wise steward of the Society's investment portfolio for many years prior to his retirement in 1999. These scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, are in honor of their ministry to the wider body of believers, particularly clergy and clergy families.

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