

The Missouri Baptist Foundation announces five new \$2,000 College Scholarships for Missouri Baptist Students!

The Trustees of the Missouri Baptist Foundation established 5 new scholarships for Missouri Baptist students who are members of a Missouri Baptist Convention affiliated church at its board meeting in December of 2018. Each of these \$2,000 scholarships have similar application requirements but eligibility requirements vary.

Dr Neil Franks, MBF President remarked, "We believe in Christian Higher Education, and we want to make it slightly more affordable to at least a few worthy Missouri Baptist Students. While academic excellence and financial need are considerations, there are many other scholarship options for those with high GPA's and for those with no financial means. We hope to consider a hard working student who longs for a Christian Education, but doesn't qualify for a Pell Grant and didn't make a 36 on the ACT. Ultimately, we really are looking for the student for whom a Christian Education will make an eternal difference in Advancing the Gospel who would otherwise have limited access.

Along with a standard application form, including FAFSA score and GPA, an essay highlighting the difference a Christian Education will make in the life of the student is required. Currently, the MBF offers four undergraduate scholarships and one Seminary level scholarship with hopes of adding additional ones as resources become available.

One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student who is attending or planning to attend Southwest Baptist University, and another one will be awarded a student who is or planning to attend Hannibal La-Grange University.

The John and Sharon Yeats Scholarship, named after current MBC Executive Director and his wife, is reserved for a child of a pastor, church staff member, church planter or Missouri Baptist Convention staff member. It is also valued at \$2,000.

The Russel Martin Scholarship, named for current MBCH President, is reserved for a Missouri student who has received services from the Missouri Baptist Children's Home in some manner. This \$2,000 scholarship can be awarded to any Christian College.

The Foundation will also offer a qualifying Missouri Baptist graduate student attending or planning to attend Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary a \$2,000 scholarship as well.

Scholarships are available for the academic year beginning Fall 2019 with \$1,000 applied to the student's account in Fall and \$1,000 for the Spring semester. Applications are due no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> with anticipated announcement of scholarship recipients in May.

"We hope to receive many applications highlighting the need and raising awareness among Missouri Baptists about the opportunity we all have to be generous with our resources in order to see our students succeed in this world while being Christ like ambassadors for the next," said Franks.

Applications along with essay requirements and other information is available online at the website of the Missouri Baptist Foundation. [MBFN.org](http://MBFN.org).