

Money for Christian College Students 2012-2014

Third Edition

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A List of: Scholarships, Fellowships, Loans, Grants, Forgivable Loans, and Other Funding Programs Set Aside Specifically for Christian Undergraduate and Graduate Students. Plus a Set of Six Indexes: Sponsor, Residency, Tenability, Fields of Study, Denominations, and Deadline.

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Introduction

WHY THIS DIRECTORY IS NEEDED

Each year, more than 19 million Americans will head off to college and graduate school. Many of them are going to experience sticker shock. According to the College Board, undergraduates at a private four-year college can pay \$34,000 or more, Graduate students can expect even higher charges; it can cost \$100,000+ to complete some master's and doctoral degrees.

To help students pay for their postsecondary studies, a number of print and online sources have been developed that identify funding opportunities. While many of these listings have been general in nature, a number have described, in depth, scholarships available to students based on personal characteristics: gender, ethnicity, military affiliation, and economic level, to name just a few. Surprisingly, despite the fact that Christian students represent a major segment of the college population, no source—other than *Money for Christian College Students*—has focused on the billions of dollars in aid that's been set aside exclusively to support Christian undergraduate and graduate students.

The general financial aid directories—even the thorough ones like *Kaplan Scholarships* and *Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes*—include only a couple dozen programs open specifically to Christian college students. And, the Internet sites that have listed funding for Christian students—while providing some assistance—have generally proved to be lacking in detail, out of date, and/or incomplete in their coverage.

That's why this updated edition of *Money for Christian College Students* is so important. Now, in just one place, Christian students (along with the counselors and librarians trying to serve them) can have current and detailed information about the 850 biggest and best scholarships, fellowships, awards, loans, grants, and other funding opportunities available specifically to help them pay for their undergraduate or graduate degree (secular or religious) at public, nondenominational private, or Christian schools.

Money for Christian College Students makes it easy to find out about the billions of dollars available to support undergraduate and graduate study, research, creative activities, future projects, and travel. There's no other source, in print or online, like it. Perhaps that's why Sources for Students calls this a "ground-breaking directory" and Kaplan Educational Centers labels it a "must-have guide."

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

Money for Christian College Students is unique in many ways. Not only does it provide the most comprehensive coverage of funding opportunities (850 entries) open specifically to Christian students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree, but it also offers the most informative program descriptions (on the average, more than twice the detail found in any other source).

In addition, the directory focuses exclusively on funding set aside for Christians working on a secular or religious undergraduate or graduate degree at any type of postsecondary institution. If a program doesn't support study, training, research, or creative activities for these students, it is not covered here.

Third, only the biggest and best funding programs are described in this book. To be listed here, a program has to offer Christian undergraduate or graduate students at least \$500 per year. The majority of programs go way beyond that, with many paying \$20,000 or more annually, or covering the full cost of college attendance.

Fourth, you can take the money awarded by these funding programs to any number of locations. Unlike many of the print or online listings, which often include scholarships available only to students enrolled at one specific school, all of the entries in this book are "portable" (although some portability may be restricted by other program parameters). Another plus: many of the programs listed here have never been covered in other financial aid resources. So, even if you have checked elsewhere, you will want to look at *Money for Christian College Students* for additional leads.

Fifth, unlike other funding directories, which tend to follow a straight alphabetical arrangement, this one divides entries by educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to facilitate your search for appropriate programs. The same convenience is offered in the indexes, where sponsoring organization, geographic focus, subject, denominational affiliation, and deadline date entries point out opportunities for either undergraduate or graduate students.

Further, we have tried to anticipate all the ways you might wish to search for funding; we've organized the volume so you can identify programs not only by educational level, but by program title, sponsor, subject field, where you live, where you want to go to school, religious affiliation, and when you plan to apply for funding. In addition, we've included all the information you will need to decide if a program is right for you: purpose, eligibility requirements, financial data, duration, special features, limitations, number awarded, and application date. You even get fax numbers, toll-free numbers, e-mail addresses, and web sites (when available), along with complete contact information, to make your requests for applications proceed smoothly.

Finally, we've included all types of funding in our listing:

- *Scholarships.* Programs that support secular or religious study and training for Christian students at the undergraduate level in the United States. Usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Fellowships.* Programs that support secular or religious study and training for Christian students at the graduate level in the United States. Usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Grants.* Programs that provide funding to Christian students to support innovative efforts, projects, creative activities, or research at the postsecondary level (from a 2-year degree through the doctorate) in the United States. Usually no return of service or repayment is required.
- *Awards.* Competitions, prizes, and honoraria granted to Christian undergraduate or graduate students in recognition of personal accomplishments, research results, creative writing, or other achievements. Prizes received solely as the result of entering contests are excluded.
- *Loans.* Programs that provide money to Christian undergraduate or graduate students for study, training, research, or other activities in the United States which eventually must be repaid—with or without interest.
- *Forgivable Loans.* Sometimes called scholarship/loans, fellowship/loans, or loans-for-service, these are loans that convert to scholarships or fellowships (provided the recipients meet specified service requirements). If these requirements are not met, however, the money awarded must be repaid (often with interest).

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

The focus of *Money for Christian College Students* is on portable programs aimed specifically at undergraduate or graduate students who are affiliated with denominations "professing belief in Jesus as Christ or based on the life and teachings of Jesus." These students may be beginning, continuing, or returning to their postsecondary studies. They may be studying any subject (secular or religious) at any type of college or university (secular or religious). While the directory is intended to be the most current and comprehensive source of information on available funding, there are some programs we've specifically excluded from the listing:

SAMPLE ENTRY

- (1) **[591]**
- (2) **HARVEY FELLOWS PROGRAM**
- (3) Mustard Seed Foundation
Attn: Harvey Fellows Program
7115 Leesburg Pike, Suite 304
Falls Church, VA 22043
(703) 524-5620 Fax: (703) 524-5643
Web: msfdn.org/scholarships
- (4) **Summary** To provide financial aid to Christian students to attend prestigious graduate schools in the United States or abroad and to prepare for careers in "strategic occupations where Christians appear to be underrepresented."
- (5) **Eligibility** This program is open to American and foreign students. The most competitive applicants are those whose intended vocational fields are demonstrated to have a significant impact on society and to be of high priority for Christian involvement. Vocations that are not considered a priority for this scholarship include: work within a church or religious organization; civil service; elementary and secondary education; general business; homemaking; farming; nonprofit relief and economic development; military service; private practice law or medicine; clinical psychology or counseling; social work; professional sports; and other fields that traditionally have attracted a higher percentage of Christians.
- (6) **Financial data** Each fellow is awarded an annual \$16,000 stipend. Funds must be used at a "premier" graduate degree program, subject to approval by the selection committee. Fellows may use their stipends for tuition, living expenses, research tools or travel, studio space, professional conferences, and interview travel.
- (7) **Duration** 1 year; may be renewed up to 2 additional years.
- (8) **Additional information:** Recipients must attend 1 of the top 5 institutions (anywhere in the world) in their field of study. Christian colleges and small liberal arts schools are excluded, because, according to the sponsors, they "have not yet found" any that are "nationally acknowledged in professional publications or national rankings as top five institutions."
- (9) **Number awarded** Varies each year. Recently, 33 were awarded.
- (10) **Deadline** October of each year.

DEFINITION

- (1) **Entry number:** Consecutive number that is assigned to the program descriptions and used to identify the entry in the index.
- (2) **Program title:** Title of scholarship, fellowship, loan, forgivable loan, grant, award, or other funding opportunity.
- (3) **Sponsoring organization:** Name, address, and telephone number, toll-free number, fax number, e-mail address, and/or web site (when information was supplied) for organization sponsoring the program.
- (4) **Summary:** Identifies the major program requirements; read the rest of the entry for additional detail.
- (5) **Eligibility:** Qualifications required of applicants and factors considered in the selection process.
- (6) **Financial data:** Financial details of the program, including fixed sum, average amount, or range of funds offered, expenses for which funds may and may not be applied, and cash-related benefits supplied (e.g., room and board).
- (7) **Duration:** Period for which support is provided; renewal prospects.
- (8) **Additional information:** Any benefits, features, restrictions, or limitations (generally non-monetary) associated with the program.
- (9) **Number of awards:** Total number of recipients each year or other specified period.
- (10) **Deadline:** The month by which applications must be submitted.

- *Programs not focused on Christian students:* Only money set aside primarily or exclusively for undergraduate or graduate students affiliated with denominations that accept some or all of the core tenets of Christianity are described here. Funding opportunities offered to students with a less direct connection to Christianity (or none at all) have been excluded. You can find information on those, and thousands of other programs, in Reference Service Press's other award-winning financial aid publications (some are listed on the inside front cover of this directory), in general financial resources at the library, at bookstores, and online.
- *Programs that do not accept applications from U.S. citizens or residents:* If a program is open only to foreign nationals for study in their own country or excludes Americans from applying, it is not covered.
- *Funding not aimed at incoming, currently-enrolled, or returning students:* If a program is open to Christians but is not specifically intended for undergraduate or graduate students (e.g., a contest open to Christians of any age, a research grant for Christian postdoctorates, a scholarship to attend a Christian high school), it is not covered here.
- *Individual school-based programs:* The directory identifies portable programs (ones that can be used at any number of schools). Financial aid administered by individual schools solely for the benefit of their incoming or continuing students is not covered. Write directly to or visit the Internet sites of the schools you are considering, to get information on their offerings.
- *Money for study or research outside the United States:* Since there are comprehensive and up-to-date directories that describe available funding for study and research abroad (see *Financial Aid for Research and Creative Activities Abroad* and *Financial Aid for Study and Training Abroad*, both published by Reference Service Press), only programs that support study or research in the United States are covered here.
- *Very restrictive programs:* In general, programs are excluded if they are open only to a limited geographic area (less than a state), are available to a very limited membership group (e.g., a local union or a tightly targeted organization), or offer very limited financial support (under \$500).
- *Programs that did not respond to our research inquiries:* Programs are included in *Money for Christian College Students* only if the sponsors responded to our research requests for up-to-date information or posted up-to-date information on their web sites (for more detail on our data collection procedures, see below).

WHAT'S UPDATED?

The preparation of each new edition of *Money for Christian College Students* involves extensive updating and revision. To make sure that the information included here is both reliable and current, the editors at Reference Service Press 1) reviewed and updated all relevant programs currently in our funding database and 2) searched exhaustively for new program leads in a variety of sources, including directories, news reports, newsletters, annual reports, and sites on the Internet. Since we only include program descriptions that are written directly from information supplied by the sponsoring organization in print or online (no information is ever taken from secondary sources), we first check the appropriate web site; if current information is not available there, we then send up to four collection letters (followed by up to three telephone inquiries, if necessary) to each sponsor identified in the process. Despite our best efforts, however, some sponsoring organizations still failed to respond by the fourth quarter of 2011 and, as a result, their programs are not included in this edition of the directory.

The 2012-2014 edition of *Money for Christian College Students* completely revises and updates the previous (second) edition. Programs that have ceased operation have been dropped. Similarly, programs that have broadened their scope and no longer focus on or relate to Christian students have also been removed from the listing. Profiles of continuing programs have been rewritten to reflect current require-

ments; over 80 percent of the continuing programs reported substantive changes in their locations, deadlines, or benefits since the previous edition was issued. In addition, more than 350 new entries have been added. The result is a listing of 850 scholarships, fellowships, traineeships, grants, loans, and other funding opportunities available specifically to Christian undergraduates and graduate students.

HOW THE DIRECTORY IS ORGANIZED

Money for Christian College Students is divided into two sections: 1) a detailed list of funding opportunities open to Christian students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree; and 2) a set of indexes to help you pinpoint available funding programs.

Funding for Christian Students Working on a Postsecondary Degree. The first section of the directory describes 850 scholarships, fellowships, grants, loans, loans-for-service, awards, and other funding opportunities available specifically to Christian students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree. These programs are sponsored by more than 375 different agencies, organizations, foundations, educational associations, and religious groups. All subject fields (secular and religious) are represented, as are all types of postsecondary institutions.

To help you focus your search, the entries in this section are grouped into two main categories:

- **Undergraduates.** Described here are 404 scholarships, grants, awards, loans, scholarship/loans, and other funding opportunities available to Christians that support study, training, research, or creative activities on the undergraduate level. These programs are open to college-bound high school seniors, high school graduates, currently-enrolled college students, and students returning to college after an absence.
- **Graduate Students.** Described here are 446 fellowships, grants, awards, loans, fellowship/loans, and other funding opportunities available to Christians that support post-baccalaureate study, training, research, and creative activities. Funding is available for all graduate-level degrees: master's, doctoral, and professional, both secular and religious (although many programs funded on the graduate level are for religious study).

Entries in each of the two subsections appear alphabetically by program title. Each program entry has been designed to provide a concise profile that, as the sample on page 7 illustrates, includes information (when available) on organization address and telephone numbers (including fax and toll-free numbers), e-mail address and web site, purpose, eligibility, money awarded, duration, special features, limitations, number of awards, and application deadline.

Indexes. To help you find the aid you need, we have constructed six indexes; these will let you access the listings by sponsoring organization, residency, tenability, subject field, religious affiliation, and deadline date. These indexes use a word-by-word alphabetical arrangement. Note: numbers in the index refer to entry numbers, not to page numbers in the book.

Sponsoring Organization Index. This index makes it easy to identify agencies that offer funding to Christian students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in a secular or religious field. More than 375 sponsoring organizations are listed alphabetically, word by word. In addition, we've used a code to help you identify the intended recipients of the funding programs sponsored by these organizations: U = Undergraduates; G = Graduate Students.

Residency Index. Some programs listed in this book are restricted to residents of a particular state or region. Others are open to Christian students wherever they live. This index helps you identify programs available only to residents in your area as well as programs that have no residency restrictions.

Tenability Index. Some programs in this book can be used only in specific cities, counties, states, or regions. Others may be used anywhere in the United States (or even abroad). Use this index to find out what programs are available to support your studies in a particular geographic area.

Subject Index. Refer to this index when you want to identify funding opportunities for Christian students working on an undergraduate or graduate degree in a specific secular or religious field.

Denomination Index. You can target funding opportunities by religious affiliation in this index: Baptist, Episcopalian, Methodist, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, and a dozen more.

Calendar Index. Since most financial aid programs have specific deadline dates, some may have closed by the time you begin to look for funding. You can use the Calendar Index to identify which programs are still open. This index is arranged by student group (undergraduates and graduate students) and divided by month during which the deadline falls. Filing dates can and quite often do vary from year to year; consequently, the dates in this index should be viewed as only approximations after mid-2014.

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

Here are some tips to help you get the most out of the financial aid listings in *Money for Christian College Students*:

To Locate Funding by Educational Level. If you want to get an overall picture of the kind of funding that is available to Christian students to support either undergraduate or graduate study, turn to the appropriate category in the first section of the guide and browse through the listings there. Originally, we also intended to subdivide these two chapters by focus (secular and religious). Once the compilation was complete, however, it became clear that many of the programs provided funding for both types of study on the undergraduate level and primarily for religious studies on the graduate level. Thus, further subdivision (beyond educational level) would have been unnecessarily repetitious.

To Find Information on a Particular Financial Aid Program. If you know the name and degree focus of a particular financial aid program, then go directly to the appropriate category in the first section of the directory, where you'll find program profiles arranged alphabetically by title.

To Browse Quickly Through the Listings. Turn to the listings in the educational section that relates to you (undergraduates or graduate students) and read the "Summary" field in each entry. In seconds, you'll know if this is an opportunity that might apply to you. If it is, read the rest of the information in the entry to make sure you meet all of the program requirements before writing or going online for an application form. Remember: don't apply if you don't qualify!

To Locate Financial Aid Programs Sponsored by a Particular Organization. The Sponsoring Organization Index makes it easy to determine which groups are providing funding to Christian undergraduate and graduate students (more than 375 are listed here), as well as to identify specific financial aid programs offered by a particular sponsor. Each entry number in the index is coded to indicate educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to help you target appropriate entries.

To Locate Financial Aid Based on Residency or Where You Want to Study/Conduct Your Research. Use the Residency Index to identify funding that has been set aside for Christian students in your area. If you are looking for funding to support activities in a particular city, county, state, or region, turn to the Tenability Index. Both of these indexes are subdivided by educational level (undergraduates and graduate students), to help you identify the funding that's right for you. When using these indexes, always check the listings under the term "United States," since the programs indexed there have no geographic restrictions and can be used in any area.

To Locate Financial Aid for Study or Research in a Specific Subject Field. Look at the Subject Index first if you are interested in identifying available funding for a degree in a particular secular or religious field. As part of your search, be sure to check the listings in the index under the "General programs" heading; that term identifies programs supporting activities in any field (although they may be restricted in other ways). Each index entry indicates whether the funding is available to undergraduates or to graduate students.

To Locate Financial Aid by Religious Affiliation. In this book, we have described hundreds of financial aid programs available primarily or exclusively to Christian students interested in working on an undergraduate or graduate degree. You can use this index to look for leads by specific denomination. In addition, you should also check the "Protestant" (if appropriate) and "Christianity" entries (where you will

find a number of funding opportunities that can be used by students belonging to any Christian denomination, although the programs may be restricted in other ways).

To Locate Financial Aid by Deadline Date. If you are working with specific time constraints and want to weed out financial aid programs whose filing dates you won't be able to meet, you can turn first to the Calendar Index and check the program references listed under the appropriate group (undergraduates and graduate students) and month. But, to identify every relevant financial aid program, regardless of filing dates, go to the first section and read through all the entries in the chapter that matches your degree focus.

PLANS TO UPDATE THE DIRECTORY

This is the third revised and updated edition of *Money for Christian College Students*. The next edition will cover the years 2014-2016 and will be released mid-2014.

OTHER RELATED PUBLICATIONS

Money for Christian College Students is one of more than two dozen financial aid titles published by Reference Service Press on an annual or biennial basis. Some of these titles are listed on the inside front cover of this directory. For more information on those and other award-winning financial aid directories, you can 1) write to Reference Service Press's marketing department at 5000 Windplay Drive, Suite 4, El Dorado Hills, CA 95762; 2) call us at (916) 939-9620; 3) fax us at (916) 939-9626; 4) send us an e-mail at info@rspfunding.com; or 5) visit our web site: www.rspfunding.com.

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Undergraduates

Listed alphabetically by program title are 404 scholarships, loans, forgivable loans, awards, grants and other funding opportunities available to Christian college students that support undergraduate study, training, research, and creative activities in either secular or religious fields.

[1]**ABC UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

American Baptist Churches USA
National Ministries
Attn: Office of Financial Aid for Studies
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851
(610) 768-2067 Toll Free: (800) ABC-3USA, ext. 2067
Fax: (610) 768-2453
E-mail: Financialaid.Web@abc-usa.org
Web: www.nationalministries.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to undergraduate students who are members of American Baptist-related churches.

Eligibility This program is open to students planning to enroll as a full-time freshman at a college or university in the United States or Puerto Rico. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who have been a member of a church affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA for at least 1 year. Along with their application, they must submit a 500-word essay on the gifts they believe God has given them. Preference is given to students attending a college or university affiliated with American Baptist Churches USA and to dependents of American Baptist pastors. Students receiving assistance from other American Baptist scholarship programs are not eligible.

Financial data Stipends range from \$500 to \$1,000 per year. Funds are paid directly to the recipient's school and credited towards tuition.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed if the recipient maintains a GPA of 2.75 or higher.

Number awarded Varies each year.

Deadline May of each year.

[2]**ACT SIX SCHOLARSHIPS**

Act Six
c/o Northwest Leadership Foundation
717 Tacoma Avenue South, Suite A
Tacoma, WA 98402
(253) 272-0771 Fax: (253) 272-0719
E-mail: info@actsix.org
Web: www.actsix.org

Summary To provide financial assistance to residents of Washington and Oregon who come from diverse backgrounds and are interested in attending designated private faith-based universities in those states.

Eligibility This program is open to residents of Washington and Oregon who are high school seniors or recent graduates and planning to enter college as freshmen. Applicants must come from diverse, multicultural backgrounds. They must be planning to attend 1 of the following institutions: George Fox University (Newberg, Oregon), Gonzaga University (Spokane, Washington), Heritage University (Yakima, Washington), Northwest University (Kirkland, Washington), Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, Washington), Trinity Lutheran College (Everett, Washington), Warner Pacific College (Portland, Oregon), or Whitworth University (Spokane, Washington). Students are not required to identify as Christians, but they must be interested in engaging in a year-long exploration and discussion of Christian perspectives on leadership, diversity, and reconciliation. Ethnicity and family income are considered as factors in selecting an intentionally diverse group

of scholars, but there are no income restrictions and students from all ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

Financial data The program makes up the difference between any other assistance the student receives and full tuition. For recipients who demonstrate financial need in excess of tuition, awards cover some or all of the cost of room and board, books, travel, and personal expenses.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed.

Additional information Information on the Oregon program is available c/o Portland Leadership Foundation, 809 North Russell, Suite 203, Portland, OR 97227, (503) 281-3757, E-mail: oregon@actsix.org.

Number awarded Varies each year. Recently, 48 scholarships were awarded to the Washington schools and 21 to the Oregon schools.

Deadline October of each year.

[3]**AHEPA UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association
Attn: AHEPA Educational Foundation
1909 Q Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, DC 20009
(202) 232-6300 Fax: (202) 232-2140
E-mail: Admin@ahempa.org
Web: ahempa.org

Summary To provide financial assistance for college to students with a connection to the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association (AHEPA) who have been active in Greek Orthodox youth activities.

Eligibility This program is open to 1) active members of the AHEPA family (the Order of AHEPA, Daughters of Penelope, Sons of Pericles, or Maids of Athena); or 2) children of members of those organizations and of Greek descent. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll full time at a college or university. High school seniors and college freshmen must submit official high school transcripts that include SAT or ACT scores and a GPA of 3.0 or higher; college sophomores and juniors must submit their most recent college transcript. Selection is based primarily on academic achievement, although consideration is also given to AHEPA affiliation, extracurricular activities, community service, and Greek Orthodox youth activities; special consideration is given to applicants who can demonstrate financial need.

Financial data Stipends range up to \$2,000.

Duration 1 year.

Additional information This program includes the following named scholarships: the George Chirgotis Scholarship, the George and Helen Constantine Scholarship, the Sam Dakis Scholarship, the George Leber Scholarship, the Gus County Scholarship, the Dr. John C. Yavis Scholarship, the Archbishop Demetrios Scholarship, the P.A. Margaronis Scholarship, the Nick Cost Scholarship, and the Chris Gustav Rallis Scholarship.

Number awarded Varies each year.

Deadline March of each year.

[4]**AILEEN C. AND CARSON F. SINCLAIR SCHOLARSHIPS**

Florida United Methodist Foundation
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
 450 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
 P.O. Box 3549
 Lakeland, FL 33802-3549
 (863) 904-2970, ext. 7103
 Toll Free: (866) 363-9673, ext. 7103
 Fax: (863) 904-0169 E-mail: Foundation@fumf.org
 Web: www.fumf.org/InfoForIndividuals/Sinclair_Scholarship

Summary To provide financial assistance for college to high school seniors in Florida who are members of a United Methodist Church and planning to attend college in the state.

Eligibility This program is open to seniors graduating from high schools in Florida who have been full and active members of a United Methodist Church for at least 1 year. Applicants must have been admitted either to a college or university in Florida or to a United Methodist college or university in any state. They must be in the top 10% of their graduating class and have a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Along with their application, they must submit an essay describing their church, community, and school leadership; their leadership activities; and their educational plans and goals. Selection is based on academic achievement, church involvement, and community service; financial need is not considered.

Financial data The stipend is \$3,000 per year.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed up to 3 additional years, provided that the recipient makes adequate progress toward a bachelor's degree, maintains a GPA of 3.0 or higher, and remains an active church and community leader.

Additional information This program was established in 2001.

Number awarded 2 each year.

Deadline March of each year.

[5]**AL SHACKLEFORD AND DAN MARTIN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP**

Baptist Communicators Association
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
 1519 Menlo Drive
 Kennesaw, GA 30152
 (770) 425-3728 E-mail: office@baptistcommunicators.org
 Web: www.baptistcommunicators.org/about/scholarship.cfm

Summary To provide financial assistance to undergraduate students who are working on a college degree to prepare for a career in Baptist communications.

Eligibility This program is open to undergraduate students who are majoring in communications, English, journalism, or public relations and have a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Their vocational objective must be in Baptist communications. Along with their application, they must submit a statement explaining why they desire to receive this scholarship.

Financial data The stipend is \$1,000.

Duration 1 year; recipients may reapply.

Additional information This program was established in 1988.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline December of each year.

[6]**ALAN COMPTON AND BOB STANLEY MINORITY AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Baptist Communicators Association
 Attn: Scholarship Committee
 1715-K South Rutherford Boulevard, Suite 295
 Murfreesboro, TN 37130
 (615) 904-0152 E-mail: bca.office@comcast.net
 Web: www.baptistcommunicators.org/about/scholarship.cfm

Summary To provide financial assistance to minority and international students who are working on an undergraduate degree to prepare for a career in Baptist communications.

Eligibility This program is open to undergraduate students of minority or international origin. Applicants must be majoring in communications, English, journalism, or public relations with a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Their vocational objective must be in Baptist communications. Along with their application, they must submit a statement explaining why they want to receive this scholarship.

Financial data The stipend is \$1,000.

Duration 1 year; recipients may reapply.

Additional information This program was established in 1996.

Number awarded 1 each year.

Deadline December of each year.

[7]**ALBERT BAKER FUND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**

Albert Baker Fund
 777 Campus Commons Road, Suite 165
 Sacramento, CA 95825-8309
 (916) 643-9999 Toll Free: (800) 269-0388
 Fax: (916) 568-1372 E-mail: admin@albertbakerfund.org
 Web: www.albertbakerfund.org/financial-aid/us-canada

Summary To provide financial aid and loans to undergraduate, graduate, and vocational students in the United States and Canada who are Christian Scientists.

Eligibility This program is open to students who are Christian Scientists and members of The Mother Church (the First Church of Christ, Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts) or a branch church. Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enroll at least half time as an undergraduate or graduate student at an accredited college, university, or accredited vocational school in the United States or Canada. They must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher and be able to demonstrate financial need. U.S. or Canadian citizenship is required.

Financial data Financial aid is provided in the form of grants and loans (amount not specified). For loans, interest rates are fixed at 3%; they must be repaid within 10 years.

Duration 1 year; may be renewed.

Number awarded Varies each year. Recently, the program awarded \$370,000 in grants and \$515,000 in loans to 557 North American students (including 407 undergraduates, 71 graduate students, and 79 vocational students).

Deadline February, May, September, or November of each year.

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