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LOUISE M. PRICHARD CHURCH VOCATIONS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This scholarship is awarded from an endowment given by Louise M. Prichard who died in 1966. Mrs. Prichard, an active member of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was the widow of Oklahoma oilman L.H. Prichard, who was one of the founders of the Anderson-Prichard Oil Company, otherwise known as APCO. At the encouragement of Mrs. Herschel Hobbs, she left part of her estate to OBU as a scholarship trust for Southern Baptist students preparing for vocations in Christian ministry. The Louise M. Prichard Scholarship was established in 1968. Over the years many OBU students preparing for vocations in Christian ministry have benefited from this generous gift.

Endorsement for Church-Related Vocations

This is to certify that _____
Name of Student

- 1. Has been an active member of this church for at least six months. If not, how long? _____
- 2. Has given evidence of God's call to a vocational or bivocational Christian ministry within a Southern Baptist church, and we, the undersigned, are satisfied with the evidence of the student's intention to fulfill the calling in the following vocation: _____
- 3. Is hereby recommended to receive scholarship assistance designated for students who are planning to enter a church-related vocation in a Southern Baptist church.
- 4. The student should be contacted and counseled regarding the call/commitment to a church-related vocation. (Please attach a note of explanation if desired.)

Approved by the church in conference on the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Church Name

Church Clerk's Signature/Date

Church Address

City

State

Zip Code

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Semester: Fall _____ Spring _____

ID # _____

Ph # _____

Bx # _____

Return to:
Joe L. Ingram School of Christian Service
Oklahoma Baptist University
500 W. University
OBU Box 61273
Shawnee, OK 74804

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Guidelines

The Louise M. Prichard Church Vocations Scholarship is especially designed to assist people planning careers in Christian ministry. To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must:

- A. Be preparing for a vocational or bivocational Christian ministry (for example, pastor, foreign or home missionary, minister of music, minister of education, minister of youth, church administrator, church recreation minister).
- B. Be licensed to the ministry or endorsed for other ministerial/missionary training by a Southern Baptist church.
- C. Be an active member of a Southern Baptist church.
- D. Declare a major or minor in religion or applied ministry. Some exemptions apply to certain transfers and certain majors which do not allow room for a minor.

The amount of the scholarship is \$1,800 per academic year (\$900 in fall and spring semesters) for all full-time, eligible students. To be considered for a Louise M. Prichard Church Vocations Scholarship, a student must agree to:

1. Attend meetings (as required by the Louise M. Prichard Church Vocations Scholarship Committee) of appropriate on-campus professional organizations and credit or non-credit courses. Professional organizations include Ministerial Alliance, Religious Education Fellowship, Missions Fellowship and the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference. Schedules for these meetings are available in the Office of the Dean of the School of Christian Service. It is the responsibility of the student to secure a schedule.
2. All non-music majors must complete Applied Ministry 100 or 101 in the first two semesters at OBU, depending on the student's chosen vocation or major. Music majors must enroll in Church Music 100 every semester. See catalog for course descriptions.
3. Achieve a 2.0 grade point average in at least 12 semester credit hours during the fall and spring terms (and/or 6 semester credit hours during the summer session and 3 credit hours during the J-term).
4. Provide initial endorsement through official church action of a Southern Baptist church of which he/she has been an active member for at least six (6) months and provide certificate of license, letters of recommendation which attest to personal character, or any other document of evidence requested.
5. Submit a completed "Questionnaire for Renewal" each year the scholarship is requested.
6. Maintain a Christian lifestyle appropriate for Christian ministry.

Agreement

I, _____, acknowledge that if I receive a Louise M. Prichard Church Vocations Scholarship I will fulfill the following obligations:

- I. I will pursue a career of full-time Christian ministry in a Southern Baptist church. This ministry may include service as a pastor, missionary, minister of music, education, youth, or church recreation, church administrator, or other full-time professional church staff member. In the event I do not enter a church vocation with a Southern Baptist church after graduation or upon completion of further training, I will repay the full amount of money received from the Louise M. Prichard Church Vocations Scholarship.
- II. I agree to fulfill the requirements listed in the Louise M. Prichard Church Vocations Scholarship Guidelines above. I understand that my failure to meet the requirements and/or deadlines will result in the loss of any scholarship eligibility.

Date

Applicant's Signature

LOUISE M. PRICHARD CHURCH VOCATIONS SCHOLARSHIP

Application

1. *This application must be completed before receiving church endorsement.*
2. *You must also attach two letters of recommendation from persons who can attest to your calling into vocational Christian ministry.*

Name _____ Date _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

First semester you request to receive this scholarship Fall Spring _____ SS# _____
Year

Church Membership _____

Name of Pastor _____

For what Southern Baptist Ministry do you wish to prepare?

- Local Southern Baptist Church
- Pastor
 - Music Minister
 - Youth Minister
 - Children's Minister
 - Education Minister
 - Senior Adult Minister
 - Business Manager
 - Other (specify) _____

Field of Study

Major _____

Minor _____

(See item D in Guidelines for scholarship eligibility.)

- Foreign Missions
- Home Missions
- Student Ministry
- Other (specify) _____

Briefly describe your personal background. Include facts about your family, childhood and significant experiences or events which have influenced your life.

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Describe your experience of salvation. Please include your age at the time of your experience, where and when this happened, and what changes took place in your life after you received Christ as your Lord.

Describe your calling into vocational Christian service. Please include your age at the time of your calling as well as the events surrounding this experience. Also include the area of vocational Christian ministry into which you believe God is leading you.

Describe your participation in church activities and Christian organizations.

Date

Applicant's Signature

I have read this student's application and support his/her candidacy for the Louise M. Prichard Church Vocations Scholarship.

Date

Pastor's Signature

Application Deadline: End of fourth week of classes for any term.