

2026-2027 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

First Baptist Church Scholarship Funds

The Scholarship Task Force of First Baptist Church is now accepting applications from deserving students under the youth and university ministry of First Baptist Church. Application information may be obtained from the church office or in the youth ministry meeting area. Attached you will find the scholarship guidelines as well as all other documents needed for your application.

1. The deadline for completed applications including all requirements for the following school year's scholarship is **April 30, 2026**.
2. The scholarship committee will review applications as they come in and select award amounts.
3. You will be notified by letter if you will be receiving a scholarship, and these will be made public and celebrated in a monthly newsletter. They will also be announced Senior Sunday: **May 17, 2026**.
4. For those receiving the scholarship, a transcript and letter of intent will be required in the Student Ministry office by **December 19, 2026** before receiving the second semester installment check.

Instructions & Checklist for Applicants:

First Year Applicants:

- Scholarship Application
- 3 Reference Letters
(We recommend providing each of your references with a stamped envelope addressed to the church office.)
- 1 page minimum typed biographical essay
- High school or college transcript

Returning Applicants:

- Scholarship Renewal Application
- College transcript from previous semester
- Minister's Letter (We recommend providing a stamped envelope addressed to the church office.)
- ✓ You are responsible for keeping track of your Reference Forms. We suggest making it as easy as you can for them by providing them with a stamped envelope addressed to the church office and to check up on their progress.

For questions and submission:

Youth Director: Zach Fricke, email: fricke@fbcsanangelotx.org

Scholarship Task Force, First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 2138, San Angelo, TX 76902

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES

This fund is administrated by the Scholarship Task Force of First Baptist Church for deserving young people under the youth and university ministry of the First Baptist Church San Angelo.

The following guidelines will govern the scholarship awards*:

- The recipients shall have been active members of First Baptist Church for at least one year.
- The recipients will be selected on the basis of academic record, character, and, if necessary, a personal interview by the Scholarship Committee.
- The awards will be given in two equal installments on or about August 1 and January 1 of each year.
- Once the scholarship is received, the prospective recipient must remain in good standing with the school and meet the GPA requirements with a GPA of at least 2.5 each semester. (There will be a probationary period of at least one semester. Grades must be submitted each semester.)
- The award may be used at any accredited college, university, or approved trade school.
- A new application must be submitted each year.
- The maximum times a student may be awarded a scholarship is four (4) years or eight (8) semesters.
- Each semester, the recipient is required to send a letter to the church and/or to the family which provided the funds for the scholarship, thanking them for their support.
- The children of members of the church staff shall not be eligible recipients of scholarships from the Crook Memorial fund, but may still apply for scholarships from the General Scholarship funds and from the Byrd fund.

*Additional guidelines will govern the Glendene Dawson Elliott Memorial and the Lane Scholarships, which are for students who are called to ministerial studies.

GLENDENE DAWSON ELLIOTT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND AND LANE SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES

This scholarship has been provided as a memorial to the perseverance and faith of Glendene Dawson Elliott who achieved her goal of a formal education against all odds. Because of Glendene's commitment to God's call to ministry, higher education, and service to Christ, she and her family provided for this scholarship fund from which the annual earnings will be used to provide scholarships under the following guidelines:

A prospective scholarship recipient must:

- Attend a college or university endorsed by First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas.
- Have indicated a personal call from God to ministry, not necessarily a church vocation.
- Must be in good standing with the school and meet their GPA requirements without a grade lower than a "C". (There will be a probationary period of at least one semester. Grades must be submitted each semester.)
- Have been an active member of First Baptist Church, San Angelo, Texas, during the student's senior year in high school or the family must have been members for one year if the student is in his/her freshman year in a school in another city.
- Complete an application and be recommended by a staff member of First Baptist Church or of the church from which he/she has come to San Angelo.
- Be a full-time student as defined by the school he/she is attending pursuing an undergraduate degree. If the student, after receiving the scholarship, drops courses which will make the total hours less than a full-time student (extenuating circumstances will be considered), he/she will not be eligible to receive future scholarship money.

Guidelines:

The terms of this scholarship will be reviewed every 3 years or more frequently if needed in consultation with Gene Elliott while he is living. In the event of Gene Elliott's death, the committee will continue to review the terms every 3 years or more frequently if needed.

A maximum of 3 scholarships per year will be available. If the earnings of this fund increase, the committee, at its discretion, can increase the number of scholarships or the amount of each of the three scholarships.

The Glendene Elliott family encourages additional contributions to this fund to build the corpus for higher potential earnings.

Gene Elliott on July 30, 2002, stated over the telephone to Ronnie E. Laughlin, Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church San Angelo the following concepts regarding this scholarship:

1. The purpose of this fund is to help worthy young people, who demonstrate a call to ministry, to begin their college career.
2. He stated that his desire was for a student to get a minimum of \$500 per year and a maximum of \$1000 per year the first year. Inflation should be considered for determining the amount in future years. He felt that the student could then apply for other available scholarships, and money from this fund could be used to help other students the following year.
3. He further stated that if there were no other applicants and the Scholarship Committee felt there was a financial need that the original recipient could receive the scholarship for one year at a time through four years. If there are new applicants, the money would need to go to them first. If there is money still available after awarding the new applicants and the financial need of the original applicant is still present, the committee can award the scholarship to that student.

REFERENCE FORM

TO: (Name and Address of Reference)

(Name of Applicant) _____ has given your name as a reference for a scholarship to be granted by the First Baptist Church of San Angelo, Texas. These awards are made to members of the First Baptist Church on the basis of scholarship and need.

Please rate the applicant by placing an "X" in the appropriate column for each of the characteristics listed. Use the symbol "N" for items about which you have insufficient knowledge to justify a ranking. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

CHARACTERISTIC	Superior	Good	Average	Fair	Weak
Scholarship					
Tact, Courtesy					
Appearance, Poise					
Motivation, Initiative					
Spirit of Cooperation					

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what way are (were) you associated with the applicant? _____

In your opinion, is the applicant deserving of a scholarship? _____

On the reverse side of this form, please give any additional information that you feel would help the scholarship committee in the evaluation of this applicant. All comments will be held in strict confidence.

Signature _____

Date _____

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