

American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia



Scholarship Program

**** The amount of scholarships
awarded and the number of recipients
will vary from year to year, depending
on funding availability.**

SCHOLARSHIP/LOAN PROGRAM

PROGRAM EXPLANATION

- Applications for a scholarship/loan shall be valid for a period of one year and must be made yearly by March 1st.
- Scholarships will not be available for graduate work, out-of-state schools or part-time studies.
- Announcement of the scholarship recipients, as recommended by the Scholarship/Loan Committee, will be made at the spring board meeting for the approval of the Executive Board of American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia.
- The amount of the annual scholarship/loan shall be approved by the Executive Board and may be awarded for a maximum period of four years as long as funds are available in the scholarship/loan fund.
- Applications for fifth-year seniors will be considered by the committee based upon funds available and specific circumstances.
- Fifty percent of the total amount received for a scholarship/loan shall be repaid over a period of four years, interest free, to the scholarship/loan fund of the American Baptist Women's Ministries of West Virginia.
- Recipients of financial aid must sign a promissory note to this effect, which must be co-signed by a parent or guardian. Duplicate copies will be sent to the application, one to be kept and other to be returned to the Coordinator of Scholarship/Loan with the application form.
- Scholarship money for each girl is sent directly to the college/university business office at the beginning of the term or semester to be credited to her account.
- Should the beneficiary of a scholarship/loan desire at any time and for any reason to withdraw from school or transfer, she shall give immediate notice of her intention to the Coordinator for Scholarship/Loan.
- All schools chosen for training must be West Virginia accredited schools.
- In addition to the initial application, recipients should communicate at least once annually with the Coordinator of Scholarship/Loan.
- The scholarship/loan may be revoked at the end of any semester or term for unsatisfactory academic achievement or improper conduct. A 2.5 grade average is required.
- If a girl decides to leave the West Virginia Baptist Convention Churches in order to affiliate with another denomination while receiving scholarship money, she shall be required to repay the entire amount of the scholarship/loan within a period of four years.

APPLICANT REQUIREMENTS

➤ Applicants must:

- a. Be a member of a West Virginia Baptist Convention Church for at least one year prior to her application;
- b. Be an active participant in her church program;
- c. Be a high school graduate;
- d. Submit a transcript of her grades from the last school attended in order to demonstrate scholastic ability and deportment; Apply directly to the Coordinator of Scholarship/Loan;
- e. Demonstrate her financial need by completing the confidential questions on the application form;
- f. Secure the endorsement of the pastor of her church for character and worthiness, which said endorsement must be received by the Coordinator of Scholarship/Loan no later than March 1st.
- g. Secure character references from two citizens of the community other than relations, which said references must be received by the Coordinator of Scholarship/Loan no later than March 1st.