

Instructions for Completing the 2012-2013

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Application for TBF Freshman Grant

- ❑ 1. Completed application and all required supporting documentation must be sent to the Foundation in one packet.

Please include the following information in the order listed.

- 1st Completed Application (pages 1 and 2)
 - 2nd A one-page typed summary of your Christian conversion, highlights of your growth as a Christian and your involvement in your church (one page typed, single space, no more than 750 words in 12pt font)
 - 3rd **Official transcript** of high school grades (*issued by your school*) through the fall 2011 semester and a copy of your ACT or SAT test scores
 - 4th Copy of your **FAFSA** Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - 5th Release of Information Form
- ❑ 2. Please mail application and other required material to:

**TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 728
BRENTWOOD, TENNESSEE 37024-0728**

**If you have questions please contact Linda Ferguson: (615) 371-2029 or (800) 552-4644
*lferguson@tnbaptist.org***

- ❑ 3. Your completed application must be postmarked no later than April 30, 2012, or, if delivered by you personally, must be in the office of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation by 4:30 CDT on April 30, 2012. Incomplete applications and applications not postmarked or delivered to the Tennessee Baptist Foundation office on or before the deadline are *automatically disqualified*. **No exceptions!**

Neither facsimiles nor emails will be accepted

QUALIFICATIONS TO APPLY

1. The Tennessee Baptist Foundation Freshman Grant is available ONLY to students who are entering college for the first time as freshmen.
2. The TBF Freshman Grant is based on need and is for Tennessee Baptist young people who demonstrate significant financial need and/or extenuating family circumstances (such as very low income, a single parent family, illness or disability of primary wage earner, loss of job, or other circumstance that makes pursuing higher education difficult if not impossible without financial assistance).
3. Qualified applicant must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in high school and have earned a minimum of 18 on the ACT or 860 on the SAT (Only rising college freshmen are eligible for this Freshman grant).
4. Qualified applicant must have been a resident of Tennessee for at least one year prior to making application.
5. Qualified applicant must be a member of a Tennessee Baptist Convention church.
6. Qualified applicant must be applying and enrolling as a full-time student in a basic degree program ("*Full-time*" is as defined by the Educational institution you plan to attend).
7. To qualify for consideration for this Freshman grant, applications MUST include a copy of your FAFSA Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

[Note: Fulfilling the basic "Qualifications to Apply" for a Freshman grant does not guarantee that you will receive a grant]

Applicant's academic performance, family income and/or extenuating circumstances, and involvement in church are factors that will be considered in the awarding of freshman grants

All applicants will be notified regarding Freshman grant awards by August 1, 2012. Please contact the Foundation office if you have not received notification regarding the status of your application by August 6, 2012.

TBF FRESHMAN GRANT APPLICATION

Tennessee Baptist Foundation

Fall 2012 – Spring 2013 Academic Year

Deadline for Application – April 30, 2012

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Full Name _____
Last First Middle

Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Social Security Number _____ Date of Birth _____ Phone _____

Single _____ Married _____ Number of Children _____ E-mail address _____

FAMILY INFORMATION:

Must be completed if you were named as a dependent on your parent's 2011 Income Tax Return

Name and address of parents or guardians

Father's name _____ Address _____

Mother's name _____ Address _____

Father's Occupation _____ Mother's Occupation _____

Number of children in household (including yourself) _____

List below names of brothers and/or sisters **who are in college** and supported by your parents

Name of Sibling	College or University	Anticipated Graduation Date
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

CHURCH INFORMATION:

Home Church _____ Pastor _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

How long have you been a member of your church? (yrs) _____

In What Association Is Your Church? _____ *(Ask your pastor if you don't know)*

Pastor's signature _____ Print Pastor's name _____

***If your church is without a Pastor, have another staff minister or Chairman of Deacons sign form.**

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

High School attended:

Name of School _____ City _____ State _____

GPA _____ ACT _____ OR SAT _____ *(Attach official transcript and copy of scores)*

College or university you anticipate attending in the fall 2012/spring 2013:

Name of Institution: _____

Complete address of Institution: _____

Telephone number of Institution: _____

Major or course of study: _____

Check here if you are preparing for a vocation in missions _____ What kind? _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Required! Attach a copy of your FAFSA Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

Please check **all boxes** that apply to your family circumstances:

- Low Family Income Single Parent Household Illness or Disability of Primary Wage Earner
 Loss of Job of Primary Wage Earner Other

Please write a brief statement explaining your financial need and/or family circumstances to help the Foundation understand your need and evaluate your application (attach an additional **ONE** page if necessary):

I hereby certify that the above statements and answers are true and correct. I understand that the information contained in this application is subject to verification by the Foundation and I give my approval for any inquiries necessary in accomplishing said verification.

Signed

Date

**TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION FRESHMAN GRANT PROGRAM
RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM**

School I plan to attend _____ Telephone number _____
School Address _____

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation requires that an academic evaluation be given recipients after the end of each semester's work before the remainder of the current year's Freshman grant is sent to the school, or before the recipient can be eligible for another year's scholarship. The school requires the student's permission for the release of this information.

Please complete all three forms below. PLEASE DO NOT CUT THIS PAGE APART! PRINT CLEARLY! All information obtained by the Tennessee Baptist Foundation will be handled with the utmost confidentiality in the administration of your Freshman grant. Thank you for your cooperation.

I, _____, a recipient of a Freshman grant from the **Tennessee Baptist Foundation**, do hereby give permission to my school to release any information necessary for it to assess my academic performance during the fall 2012 and spring 2013 academic year as required by its Freshman grant program. This information will be requested after each semester to verify my eligibility for the remainder of my Freshman grant. Thank you.

(Date)

(Social Security #)

(Student's Signature)

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