



Southern Baptist Association of Christian Schools

SBACS Christian College Scholarship Program

A Proposal for Mutual Advantage & Support Between SBACS and Southern Baptist Colleges and Universities

Purpose: SBACS is the national organization that represents 650 Southern Baptist elementary and secondary Christian schools to the denomination, churches and the general public. Our mission is to advance the Christian education of students, so we want to create strong ties to Christian colleges, especially to our Southern Baptist colleges. We also encourage our member schools to develop strong, personal relationships with Christian colleges as well. The result, we trust, will be increased interest in our Southern Baptist colleges and universities by parents and students and increased enrollment from SBACS schools in Southern Baptist colleges. Another impact will be increased support for our colleges in the churches and associations in their respective states and the Southern Baptist Convention. We believe that SBACS schools will benefit directly as the rising tide of interest in Christian colleges and Kingdom Education spreads across the denomination.

How Will SBACS Help Southern Baptist Colleges and Universities?

1. **Prayer:** Encourage our SBACS schools to pray for our Christian colleges—their students, staff and advancement in the Kingdom of Christ. After all, many of your students will one day be our teachers and administrators!
2. **Outstanding Scholars:** Supply the Christian colleges each year with the list of students selected by SBACS for the B.R. Chamberlain Foundation--Outstanding SBACS Scholars Award Program.
3. **Outstanding Music Scholars:** Supply the Christian colleges each year with the list of students selected by SBACS for the John R. Chandler Outstanding Music Scholars Program.
4. **Publicity:**
 - a. Publicize to our schools the names of colleges participating in the **SBACS Christian College Scholarship Program** and the results of the prior year's awards.
 - b. Publicize this program and the results each year through national, state, local and other Southern Baptist media outlets.
 - c. Provide our schools each year with press releases for their local media outlets and their own school publications regarding awards made and the schools attended, grants offered, etc.
5. **Increased Giving for Scholarships:** Encourage further annual gifts and endowments for this program through B.R. Chamberlain Foundation for Public Enrichment, other public and private foundations, state Baptist foundations and individual donors to help more students.
6. **Relationships:** Encourage member school administrators to establish relationships with the colleges for the following purposes:

- a. Encouraging our SBACS students to continue their education after graduation at a Southern Baptist Christian college or university.
- b. Encourage our schools to provide part-time and summer jobs for college students where appropriate.
- c. Encourage our schools to recruit teachers and staff on your campuses.

How Will Colleges & Universities Help SBACS and SBACS Schools?

1. **Prayer:** Encourage your staff to pray for your colleagues in our SBACS schools, their students, parents and supporting churches. After all, many of these children will one day be your students and their parents will be your donors!
2. **Scholarships:** Each college or university interested in being a part of this effort agrees to establish one or more scholarships which are specifically named and targeted at students graduating from SBACS schools each year, especially those selected through the **B.R. Chamberlain Foundation--Outstanding SBACS Scholars Award Program** and the **John R. Chandler Outstanding Music Scholars Programs**. The specific criteria for these scholarships would be determined by each college and would include the *Minimal Scholarship Provisions* (see below).
3. **Giving:** Support the work of SBACS financially by making an annual gift. SBACS does not sell lists to colleges. However, we will give the lists to all ASBCS and CCCU schools that request these lists and ask that the colleges consider a gift of support for SBACS in recognition of our mutual support. A gift between \$150-500 is suggested.

Minimal Scholarship Provisions

1. Incorporate the SBACS name into the title of the scholarship, so that students/parents from SBACS schools are aware of the scholarship(s), e.g., "The ABC Baptist College-SBACS Scholarship or Grant".
2. Include the SBACS scholarships in the college's admissions and scholarship materials, catalog, website, etc., stating the general criteria for receiving an SBACS scholarship from your college (i.e. your guidelines, such as minimum SAT/ACT scores, GPA, leadership, etc.).
3. Set a minimum amount for each grant, so that outstanding students can still hope to receive some level of assistance, even if they might not qualify on a basis of financial need.
4. Establish a minimum of 1:1 dollar match of funds awarded to the student by SBACS through the Outstanding Scholars and Outstanding Music Scholars Programs (these awards are currently \$500 to \$1,000 grants). We encourage schools to match at higher ratios to attract the top students.
5. Once grants are awarded and accepted each fall, send SBACS a report of the number of scholarships awarded and total dollars awarded so that we can use that information to encourage further interest the next year. The report would also include the estimate of the number and minimum/maximum dollar amount of SBACS scholarships proposed for the following year.
6. Establish a deadline by which the SBACS funds must be awarded, after which the funds could be returned to the college's general financial assistance pool.



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These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Deut. 6: 6-7

Yes, our college/university would like to participate in the SBACS Christian College Scholarship Program! Please enroll us today...

Name of Institution _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary Contact Person's Name _____ Title _____

Phone _____ FAX _____ Email _____

Please provide us with the following information:

| Position | Name | Phone | Email |
|--|------|-------|-------|
| President | | | |
| Director of Admissions | | | |
| Director of Financial Aid | | | |
| Bursar | | | |
| Name/title of person completing this form: | | | |

...Our college/university will partner with SBACS and its member schools through the SBACS Christian College Scholarship Program. We will...

- Pray and partner with SBACS to promote higher enrollments from Southern Baptist secondary schools into Christian colleges and universities.
- Set up an SBACS scholarship or grant to be awarded each year to a student from an SBACS school (our college/university will set the criteria). Amount \$ _____
- Match a B.R. Chamberlain Foundation SBACS Scholarship grant (\$1,000 or \$500) for students who receive such grants at least 1:1. Amount \$ _____
- Please send us the final Outstanding Scholars list and Southern Baptist high schools list as Excel documents to this email address: _____
- Make a gift of support for SBACS of \$ _____ to be paid _____
VISA # _____ Exp Date _____
MasterCard # _____ Exp Date _____
Authorized signature _____ Date _____
Name Printed on Card _____

Please make checks payable to: SBACS, P.O. Box 1204, Windermere, FL 34786-1204
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