



THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

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Plant an Endowment...Grant an Education



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Thirty-five years have passed since I entered college in January 1980. Having graduated high school a semester early, I registered for 15 hours of coursework at a local college. My total tuition was around \$800. Current students can expect to pay around \$7,600 for tuition each semester at this same institution. In other

words, tuition has increased about 9.5 times since I was a freshman.

When I began college, the Federal minimum wage was \$3.10 per hour. Because I had saved money from one full-time and two part-time jobs (one was cutting grass) during the summer of 1979, I felt that I might be able to finish college in a reasonable amount of time if I continued to work my regular part-time job throughout the year and cut grass in the spring and summer.

Today, the Federal minimum wage is \$7.25 per hour (2.33 times the 1980 rate) while the tuition rate is almost 10 times higher now than in 1980. Thus, the cost

of a college education has increased four times faster and higher than minimum wage. Please understand, entering the ongoing minimum wage debate is not my goal. Rather, these figures serve to underscore the reality that the vast majority of current (and future) students simply will be unable to afford a college education regardless of their ambition, initiative, determination, and work ethic unless they have some outside assistance.

Some students have to rely on outside assistance provided in the form of student loans. According to recent surveys and estimates, borrowers in Mississippi have outstanding student loan debt of over \$26,000 each. Concerning her student loan burden, one Mississippi resident stated in a recent newspaper article, "I will probably die with student loan debt."

Fortunately, I did not have to rely on student loans during my undergraduate experience as a huge blessing came from the Lord in the form of a scholarship from the Mississippi Baptist Foundation. Each semester, I received a small grant from the Foundation which supplemented my earnings in order to help meet the financial obligations associated with a college education.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation continues to assist students

pursue their academic, vocational, and ministry goals by offering scholarship awards. Outside of a few exceptions, eligible applicants should be enrolled in a Baptist college in Mississippi (undergraduate degree) or a Southern Baptist seminary (masters-level degree). In addition, applicants must be active members of a cooperating Southern Baptist church in Mississippi. A review of the MBF website (www.ms baptist foundation.org) offers some additional information regarding our scholarship ministry. This edition of Foundation News is intended to highlight our 2014-15 scholarship recipients while also making you aware of ongoing needs and opportunities available through the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and our scholarship ministry.

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2014-2015 Mississippi Baptist Foundation Scholarship Recipients



BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE

Benjamin Tracey Adkins.....New Albany, MS
 Cody Allen Oxford, MS
 Marlie Dubourg Anderson.....Hickory Flat MS
 Jennifer Nicole Baecher Vardaman, MS
 James Baker Ripley, MS
 Victoria Brooke Baldwin.....New Albany, MS
 Lauren Baldwin.....Plantersville, MS
 Zachary Austin Bennett.....Ripley, MS
 Cassidy Michele Blaylock.....Belden, MS
 Ciara Dawn Boyle.....Holly Springs, MS
 Jessalyn BrownGuntown, MS
 Taylor Olivia Campbell.....Corinth, MS
 George Andrew ChesteenWinona, MS
 Kaylyn Clark.....Houlka, MS
 Patrick Clendinning.....Brandon, MS
 Joshua E. ClineGrenada, MS
 Ana Coleman.....Pearl, MS
 Ryan Dewberry.....Maben, MS
 Maura Lynne Dismukes.....Grenada, MS
 Courtney FloydShannon, MS
 Matt FrazierNew Albany, MS
 Emily GriffinPontotoc, MS
 Trystan HamiltonLuka, MS
 Chalice Beatrice Harbor.....Corinth, MS
 Anna Michael HarrisBelmont, MS
 Kacie Harris.....Tupelo, MS
 Meagan Brooke Harrison.....New Albany, MS
 Danielle Hathcock.....Amory, MS
 Morgan A. HendrixOlive Branch, MS
 Jamie HillRipley, MS
 Derek Hunter.....Picayune, MS
 Haley JamesMeridian, MS
 Timothy Dalton Jeter.....Ripley, MS
 James Samuel Kirkland.....New Albany, MS
 Jared Allan Knight.....Pontotoc, MS
 Bailey Brooke LittlejohnNew Albany, MS
 Brandi Nichelle Long.....Booneville, MS
 Mary MarinoCorinth, MS
 Steven Andrew McElyea.....Walnut, MS
 Anna Nicole Miller.....Clinton, MS
 Haley MillsPontotoc, MS
 Kody Moore.....Falkner, MS
 Trenton D. Myers.....Philadelphia, MS
 Lauren Chasity Barnes Nelms.....Corinth, MS
 Cassidy NixonByhalia, MS
 Dustin Russell Pierce.....Batesville, MS
 David Cole PrattWinona, MS
 Sandra PriestPontotoc, MS
 Sarah Ellen Reed.....Blue Springs, MS
 Morgan RhodesDennis, MS
 Bethany RinehartHouston, MS
 Rebekah G. RinehartHouston, MS

Sarah Roberson.....Arkabutla, MS
 Stephanie RowellNettleton, MS
 Micah Clay Russell.....Pontotoc, MS
 Summer SandersonNew Albany, MS
 Carter Paul SmithBooneville, MS
 William ThompsonBrandon, MS
 Avery Bryce ThornBelmont, MS
 Courtney Vanderford.....Rienzi, MS
 Rachel WalkerRipley, MS
 John Reece Ward III.....Pontotoc, MS
 Macy WatkinsPotts Camp, MS
 Kristie WebbHolly Springs, MS
 Randy WeeksCaledonia, MS
 Kayleigh WhiteNew Albany, MS



GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Robert Lee Davis.....Southaven, MS
 Tyler James SandersHattiesburg, MS
 Maria Teel.....Holly Springs, MS



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE

Alicia Nicole Acord.....Meridian, MS
 Emily Elise AlstonByram, MS
 Kasy AtesFlowood, MS
 Ashley Lauren AycokByram, MS
 Austin Wayne BaneyMadison, MS
 Kathryn Anne BarberBrandon, MS
 Wesley Ward BarkerGrenada, MS
 Laura-Katherine BarkerGrenada, MS
 Skylarr BeermanSouthaven, MS
 Austin Caleb Biggs.....Clinton, MS
 Connor Blackwell.....Brandon, MS
 Noah Ridge BowlinMendenhall, MS
 Amelia Katherine BrashierEllisville, MS
 Brenton Andrew Earl Breland.....Poplarville, MS
 Peyton BrownBrandon, MS
 Laura BryantMadison, MS
 Hunter Webb BuxtonColumbus, MS
 Andrew Christopher CalhounMeridian, MS
 Katie Lynne Callaway.....Madison, MS
 William Luke CampbellClinton, MS
 James Mitchell CaseBrookhaven, MS
 Nicholas ChandlerSouthaven, MS
 William Clint ChapmanBrandon, MS
 Sarah Clifton.....Ridgeland, MS
 Ashley CrickSouthaven, MS
 Lauren CullenOxford, MS
 Darby Faith Damon.....Madison, MS
 Anna Kayleigh Downey.....Brandon, MS
 Maegan EasleyBrandon, MS
 Lauren Nicole EvansRidgeland, MS

Jonathan Tyler FailPicayune, MS
 Angelica Grace Fillingane.....Jackson, MS
 Claire Elise FisherMadison, MS
 Jonathan FletcherFlowood, MS
 Hunter FloydHattiesburg, MS
 Hayden Brooks Fortenberry.....Magee, MS
 Connor Fortenberry.....Madison, MS
 Brayden Hunter Foster.....Brookhaven, MS
 Emmalyn FoyPearl, MS
 David Franklin.....Crystal Springs, MS
 Sallie GardnerColumbus, MS
 Morgan Elizabeth GaughfBrandon, MS
 Taylor Alyse GaughfBrandon, MS
 Abigail Lee GiffordClinton, MS
 Taylor Lawson GilesBrandon, MS
 Lauren Ashley Giles.....Brandon, MS
 Matthew Grafton.....Laurel, MS
 Haley GrayBrandon, MS
 Cole GressettBrandon, MS
 Maegan Carol Hall.....Madison, MS
 Zachary Witt HalliwellBrookhaven, MS
 Erin Elizabeth Hamilton.....Brandon, MS
 William Alex Hamilton.....Brandon, MS
 Mary Elizabeth HammackMadison, MS
 Baleigh Ann Hand.....Brandon, MS
 Ashleigh Elizabeth Hardy.....Madison, MS
 Abbygail N. HicksSouthaven, MS
 Lacey HigginsPontotoc, MS
 Kathryn Weslee HodgesItta Bena, MS
 Mary Kate HolderUnion, MS
 Maggie Lyn HoltWest, MS
 Rebecca Anne HookerTerry, MS
 Alexa HunterSouthaven, MS
 Seleigh JacksonNew Albany, MS
 Caleb Franklin Jett.....Brandon, MS
 Colton Harris Johnson.....Laurel, MS
 Austin James JohnstonColumbus, MS
 Hannah Alex Jones.....Raymond, MS
 Taylor JonesFlorence, MS
 Kimberlee Ann Keltner.....Hernando, MS
 Taylor LangeleBrandon, MS
 Victoria K. LangworthyClinton, MS
 Anna E. LearnedSouthaven, MS
 Cayla LloydMadison, MS
 John Benton LongBruce, MS
 Hunter Lynch.....Vicksburg, MS
 Thomas MartinMadison, MS
 Rebecca MartinFlorence, MS
 Karleigh Michelle MazeMadison, MS
 Allison Aker McCaffrey.....Brookhaven, MS
 Lindsey Faith McCarty.....Flowood, MS
 Kevin Daniel McCullyTupelo, MS
 Samuel A. McGeeHernando, MS
 Mary Morgan Mohamed.....Yazoo City, MS
 Madelynne Mohr.....Enterprise, MS
 Katie MoreheadSouthaven, MS

Robert G. Muncy, IIIWoodville, MS
 Bryce Joseph MurrayNatchez, MS
 Kaitlin Rea NowellMadison, MS
 Joshua Roarke O'NealMadison, MS
 Anne Marie ParkeClinton, MS
 Jonathan ParkeClinton, MS
 Kimberly ParkerGrenada, MS
 Mary Michaela ParkerAckerman, MS
 Erin PentecostHernando, MS
 Zachary Eldon PhillipsBrandon, MS
 Christopher Lee PratherRaymond, MS
 London PratherMadison, MS
 Maxwell Cole Price IICharleston, MS
 John Rainey.....Clinton, MS
 Jordan Raney.....Grenada, MS
 Christopher Ryan Rawls.....Magnolia, MS
 Brooke RehmsNatchez, MS
 Ashley RobertsVanceleave, MS
 Christian RobertsonGreenwood, MS
 Danny Albert RuthGrenada, MS
 Jenna Elizabeth SanfordSeminary, MS
 Rachel SavageBrandon, MS
 Christian ShearerPearl, MS
 Kayla ShelbyTaylorsville, MS
 Callie ShirleyMadison, MS
 Anna Jae ShowsMadison, MS
 Laura SipesGreenville, MS
 Benjamin Walker SmithJackson, MS
 Emily Elizabeth SmithBrandon, MS
 Mary-Hannah McNair Smith.....Jackson, MS
 Aubrey SmylyHollandale, MS
 Austin SouthernHattiesburg, MS
 Audra Stevenson.....Hernando, MS
 Rebekah Stout.....Olive Branch, MS
 Mary Elizabeth Stringer.....Tylertown, MS
 Dakota TateMadison, MS
 Jeffrey Drake TerryMadison, MS
 Lindsay Thompson.....Laurel, MS
 Sarah TrimbleSouthaven, MS
 Emily Lauren UpchurchBrandon, MS
 Katie Ann UpchurchMadison, MS
 Laurie Upchurch.....Madison, MS
 Laura Vanhorn.....Winona, MS
 Mallory WalkerBrandon, MS
 Anna Grace WatkinsAbbeville, MS
 Reagan Christine WebbMadison, MS
 Brayden West.....Brandon, MS
 Jacob Aaron WestBrandon, MS
 Andrew Lance WilliamsMadison, MS
 Kimberly Lynette WilliamsMadison, MS
 Melody Lynn Williams.....Madison, MS
 Meagan Anne Willson.....Brandon, MS
 Andrew WilsonBrandon, MS
 Kenneth Austin WinterGreenville, MS
 Madison Nicole YoungTupelo, MS



NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Sonya B. Boyd.....McComb, MS
 Thomas Earl Chandler, Jr.Thaxton, MS
 Justin B CraftMagee, MS
 Emerson DiazMagee, MS
 Shandy Lynn DillBooneville, MS
 Robert Easley.....Canton, MS
 Jared T. EnnisTylertown, MS
 Marvin M. Farrior, Jr.Waynesboro, MS
 Andy Fullington.....Terry, MS
 Drew Gardner.....Shannon, MS
 Reginald Deshone Glenn.....Macon, MS
 Matthew GoinsWiggins, MS
 Charles HockerFlorence, MS
 Matthew Thomas HowardRoxie, MS
 Marlee HowardRoxie, MS
 Rob Hunt.....Hattiesburg, MS
 Matthew Scott KellyBrandon, MS
 William Andrew KennedyBrandon, MS
 Andrew LedbetterTupelo, MS
 Ronald Leonard.....Hernando, MS
 Mark Andrew MayhanGrenada, MS
 Jesse P. McCainAmory, MS
 Marco MoralesPoplarville, MS
 Robert Gene Muncy, Jr.Woodville, MS
 Andrew David Nance.....Brookhaven, MS
 Steven Michael Nelson, Jr.Indianola, MS
 Robert Adam Parkin.....Madison, MS
 James E. Peavy II.....Pelahatchie, MS
 Michael PogueToomsba, MS
 Ian T. Sheridan.....Biloxi, MS
 Nathan Taylor.....Starkville, MS
 Tyler TurnerCollinsville, MS
 James Titus TyerRienzi, MS
 Amber Grace Barnes WarrenGlen Allan, MS
 Joshua Heath Warren.....Senatobia, MS
 DeAron Lenard Washington.....Lexington, MS
 Matthew WelfordLucedale, MS
 Kimberly Westmoreland.....Newhebron, MS
 Kenneth WrightBrandon, MS



SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Charles Bennett Baxter.....Tupelo, MS
 Adam Scott Bennett.....Gulfport, MS
 Kristina Annette ChambersMeridian, MS
 Charles Andrew HarperEllisville, MS
 Allen Paul Howayek II.....Tupelo, MS
 Mitchel Rivers McCaskellCrystal Springs, MS
 Jenna Christine Rodgers.....Brandon, MS
 Randy Nathan RodgersFulton, MS



SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Bailey ShoemakerBrandon, MS
 Lawrence L. White.....Philadelphia, MS
 Christen Lea Yates.....Hernando, MS



SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Emily Leighanne Funderburg.....West Point, MS
 Albert Ryan MillerMeridian, MS
 Ryan ReedCorinth, MS
 Justin WilliamsonPicayune, MS

John DavisTaylorsville, MS
 Steven Jason Alford.....Vicksburg, MS
 Stephen BaleyMadison, MS
 Kelley Beth Brashier.....Mooreville, MS
 Emily Beth Davidson.....Pickens, MS
 Brady Fortenberry.....Oxford, MS
 Molly Hopper.....Starkville, MS
 Lyndsey Huckaby.....Oxford, MS
 Emily JohnsonBoonville, MS
 Rita Johnson.....Biloxi, MS
 John Caleb MonaghanAmory, MS
 Michael SmithLaurel, MS



WILLIAM CAREY UNIVERSITY

Ashton Hope BiggsClinton, MS
 Brian BourgeoisSaucier, MS
 Julie BourgeoisGulfport, MS
 Amber CutrerPicayune, MS
 John Michael DavisMeridian, MS
 Erin Taylor DeMarsLiberty, MS
 Tiffany Gayle DeVorePicayune, MS
 Zachary Blaine Harper.....Purvis, MS
 Morgan HawksMadison, MS
 Joey Gilbert Holifield.....Laurel, MS
 Sara Jolley.....Hattiesburg, MS
 Emily Regan LangleyPrentiss, MS
 Wyatt LindseyVerona, MS
 Jordan MeekMoss Point, MS
 Amellia D. PearmanMeridian, MS
 Abigail Tereese PriceMoss Point, MS
 Andrew Benton RobertsVanceleave, MS
 Haley Lavonne Sampson.....Wade, MS
 Kathryn SimsPurvis, MS
 Stephanie SmithPetal, MS
 Jimmy K. Tisdale, IIIEllisville, MS
 Ian Turner.....Meridian, MS

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While recipients are genuinely thankful for the scholarships that the Foundation offers, our awards represent only a fraction of the total cost to attend college or seminary. Currently, the average award is just under \$500 per semester to eligible students. While “every little bit helps” is certainly accurate, the average Foundation scholarship award is not substantially higher than the average amount awarded to students decades ago.

The endowments from which the Foundation is privileged to award scholarship grants stem from generous Mississippi Baptists who desire to make a Kingdom investment in college and seminary students. Many of these scholarship endowments were established in memory

and honor of a friend, family member, or other loved one. Some of our scholarship endowments are focused on students attending a particular college or seminary, while others emphasize a specific major or degree program. Several of our scholarship funds favor students from an association or church. And, while the Foundation strives to encourage approximately 300 students each year with a scholarship, our opportunity for ministry is constrained by the limited amount of funds that are available. Therein lies the challenge to you as an individual or your church collectively: *Would you be willing to establish an endowed scholarship fund through the Mississippi Baptist Foundation?* Or, in simple terms:

Would you consider planting a tree today (through an endowed scholarship fund) in order for someone else to enjoy the shade? The blessings that will flow to both the donor who gives and the students who receive will be immeasurable!



STUDENTS

Scholarship applications are due May 31 for the 2015-16 academic year.

To review the full policy, visit:
msbaptistfoundation.org/ScholarshipPolicy



Hey Boomers!

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Thursday, June 25 – 12:00 p.m.

or

Tuesday, July 14 – 3:00 p.m.

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