

The Rolland D. McCune Scholarship

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What is the Rolland D. McCune Scholarship?

The Rolland D. McCune Scholarship is designed to encourage men with financial needs who are pursuing seminary training for vocational ministry. The name of this scholarship reflects the desire of the DBTS Alumni Association to honor the faithfulness and influence of Dr. Rolland D. McCune. Only active members of the Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Association will be able to submit recommendations for men to be considered as scholarship recipients.

Who will be considered for the Scholarship?

Each candidate for the Rolland D. McCune Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. He must be an active member of an Independent Fundamental Baptist Church, or a like-minded separatist congregation that is in agreement with the doctrinal statement of DBTS.
2. He must be preparing for full-time vocational ministry. He may be either a part-time or full-time student.
3. If a current student, he must submit his pre-registration packet for the coming semester by the date established by the Registrar. However, in the case of a first year student, he would need to make application to DBTS prior to the scholarship nomination deadline for his semester of enrollment.
4. He must be recommended by an active member of the Alumni Association, in addition to the pastor of the student's church.
5. He must have a legitimate financial need for assistance, as attested to by his pastoral sponsor on the recommendation form.
6. He must maintain a godly testimony and adhere to the doctrinal statement and student policies of Detroit Baptist Theological Seminary in both word and conduct. This is true at the time of application and throughout the award period.
7. He must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible for distribution of funds already awarded or to be eligible for consideration of future awards.

How will the Scholarship amount be established?

The initial goal will be to provide a \$500 scholarship per semester (Fall/Spring) for those who qualify.

The Executive Committee of the Alumni Association will decide the value of the scholarship for each year based on the following:

1. Current balance in the fund
2. Current demands on the fund
3. Financial need of the candidate
4. Future needs anticipated for the fund

The Executive Committee will meet each year in April and December to make decisions for the scholarship fund. The Executive Committee will review all recommendations and award or refuse scholarships based on the qualifications of the applicant and availability of funds. All recommendations made by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association are subject to final approval by the President of DBTS.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the Seminary at the beginning of each semester.

How can you recommend someone for this scholarship?

Recommendation forms may be obtained by contacting the seminary in writing, by phone, or by e-mail (alumni@dbts.edu).

Recommendations must be made in writing and will be received according the following schedule:

Fall awards—received between February 1st and April 1st of each year.

Spring awards—received between October 1st and December 1st each year.

All recommendations received by the deadline will be reviewed to verify that the candidate meets all of the stated requirements. All qualified applications will then be reviewed and a determination made as to award status for each person recommended.

Upon recommendation by the Alumni Association Executive Committee, and after final approval by the seminary president, scholarship recipients will be informed and an announcement made at the DBTS Commencement Exercises.

Scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the seminary for the student's account at the beginning of the Fall and Spring semesters, provided the student is actually registered and attending classes. Award amounts forfeited by non-enrollment will not be automatically rolled forward to future semesters.

Students may receive scholarships for multiple or sequential years. However, this scholarship is not automatically renewable. Recommendations for this student scholarship must be resubmitted each year.

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