

American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region
GERNENZ-SHURTLEFF and WILCOXEN SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES

1. The applicant must be an American Baptist. The applicant must hold membership in an American Baptist Church of the *Great Rivers Region* at the time of application.
2. The applicant must give evidence of potential for Christian service in the world today, regardless of their vocation. The applicant must be nominated by the pastor or other professional church leader of the church where membership is held. When the church does not have a pastor or other professional church leader at the time the application is submitted, the nomination should be made by the Church School Superintendent or Youth Advisor.
3. The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from one lay leader of the church where membership is held.
4. The applicant must have a letter of recommendation from the principal, a teacher or a counselor from the applicant's high school. For those already in college or seminary, a letter from a teacher or counselor at that institution may be submitted to meet this requirement.
5. At the time of application, the applicant must submit a high school transcript as well as a transcript of college or seminary courses taken, if any, to the Great Rivers Region office.
6. The applicant must include a financial statement on forms that will be provided with the application.
7. The applicant must include an estimate of expenses for one year and the possible choice of schools.
8. Applications must be in the Regional Office by **April 1** of each year. Grants will be made out to the applicant's school for the fall semester once verification has been received of acceptance and enrollment as a full-time student for a degree program by a school accredited by the North Central Association or comparable accrediting agency.
9. Present scholastic standing of an applicant will be less important than financial need and potential for service.
10. The number and size of scholarships changes from year to year depending on the amount of money available and the number of applicants.