

HAROLD O. LONG SCHOLARSHIP

GUIDELINES

1. The applicant must be an American Baptist who is holding membership in an American Baptist church of the *Great Rivers Region* at the time of application.
2. The applicant must give evidence of plans and potential for full time Christian ministry in the world.
3. The applicant must give evidence of strong academic standing and achievement.
4. The applicant must demonstrate financial need, must submit a financial statement on forms that will be provided with the application, and must present a statement of his/her estimated college or seminary expenses.
5. The applicant must be entering (or already be a student at) an American Baptist related college, university or seminary as a full time student.
6. Applications must be in the Regional Office by **April 1** of each year. Grant checks will be issued to the applicant's school for the fall semester, provided that verification has been received of acceptance and enrollment for a degree program by an accredited school.
7. Applicants who are entering students or who are first time applicants will have preference over those already enrolled at a school. Renewal applications will be welcomed each year until a recipient graduates--provided that a GPA of a C average is maintained.
8. The number and size of scholarships may change from year to year depending upon the amount of income available for distribution from the Scholarship Fund. However, the minimum amount of a Harold O. Long Scholarship shall be \$1,000.00.
9. Otherwise qualified applicants who are members of the First Baptist Church of Decatur, Illinois, will be given preference in the granting of awards. Second priority will be given to qualified applicants who are members of American Baptist Churches in Area II; third priority will be given to qualified applicants from other churches from the Great Rivers Region.