

Rowandale Baptist Church
Ministry Training Support Bursary
2025 Application Form

Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Ministry Training Support Bursary (MTSB) is to promote and encourage the ministry and mission of The Church by providing financial assistance in the form of a bursary to individuals who are undertaking education, training, workshops or similar activities to be equipped for Christian ministry. To honor the legacy of Shirley Whitehead, special consideration shall be given to those who are training to work in the fields of children's or youth ministry.

Bursary Guidelines

- A. All activities pertaining to the Ministry Training Support Bursary are governed by The Endowment Fund Policy of Rowandale Baptist Church Inc. ("the Church")
- B. Qualification for support will be considered on an individual basis by the Ministry Training Support Committee (the Committee) according to the following considerations:
 - 1) The applicant is planning to attend a "qualifying institution". A "qualifying institution" is a Christian Bible School, Christian College or Christian organization where the published doctrinal or theological statement of the institution or organization, and the course content, is aligned with the North American Baptist Statement of Beliefs (www.nabconference.org).
 - 2) The applicant agrees with the North American Baptist Statement of Beliefs.
 - 3) A qualified applicant is not required to be a member of Rowandale Baptist Church but they should be a regular attender of an evangelical church which holds like-minded theological beliefs.
 - 4) The applicant demonstrates in writing a clear statement of personal salvation, and a clear calling to pursue training in Christian ministry for the purpose of vocational or voluntary service.
 - 5) Preference will be given to students who demonstrate, in writing, evidence of commitment, ambition and experience in Christian ministry.
 - 6) Preference will be given to support attendance at programs with a Christian children's or youth ministry focus.
- C. Amount of funding will be considered by the Committee on an individual basis according to the following considerations:
 - 1) The Committee will determine the bursary amount awarded to each applicant in a timely manner after the application deadline.
 - 2) The bursaries granted will be based upon the amount of money available for distribution in the Fund and will be paid in Canadian dollars
 - 3) The applicant's financial need will be considered in determining the size of bursary awarded. Financial need will be determined based on the applicant's ability to

contribute to the costs through their own employment, the assistance of family members, the availability of government grants or other scholarships or bursaries.

D. Administration of bursary awards will be done as follows:

- 1) Financial assistance will be disbursed toward the cost of tuition and fees only.
- 2) Qualifying applicants attending an institution which is a Registered Canadian Charity will receive a confirmation of enrollment form with a response to be mailed back to Rowandale by the registrar of the institution. The church will then forward the funds directly to the institution.
- 3) Qualifying applicants attending an institution or organization that is not a Registered Canadian Charity will receive a letter indicating the amount of funding and must provide documentation that they have paid their registration fees. They will then be provided a cheque for their bursary.
- 4) T4A slips will be issued by the Church to any individual who receives financial assistance from the Church greater than \$500 in a calendar year.

E. The application procedure will be as follows:

- 1) Complete the attached application form in full and sign.
- 2) Return completed form to the church office or finance@rowandale.ca
- 3) Successful applicants will be notified by letter.
- 4) **Application deadline is October 15th.**

Briefly describe the nature of the training you expect to receive from this program and how it will equip you for ministry:

Personal Testimony and Ministry Experience:

Do you currently work or volunteer in Christian ministry? Yes No

Are you planning to work in Christian ministry vocationally? Yes No

Please provide a brief personal testimony. Briefly describe your past education, experiences and activities working in youth/children's or other ministry as well as plans for future career or volunteer ministry. Briefly describe your sense of calling to Christian ministry. Additional information may be attached to this application.

Statement of Financial Need

Please answer the following questions:

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| Will you be employed while attending the program? | Yes | No |
| Will you incur travel and/or accommodation expenses to attend the program? | Yes | No |
| Are you receiving other support to attend the program?
(examples: Parental support, student or other loans, other scholarships/bursaries) | Yes | No |

Provide relevant financial information (cost of personal living expenses while at school, other educational costs, how much you are able to contribute toward your education, amount of other support, scholarships, bursaries or loans you are receiving) in the box below:

Declaration

I certify that I have read and understood the information and instructions on this application form and that all statements made in connection with this application are true and complete.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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For office use only:

Ministry Training Support Bursary awarded: Yes No

Amount of award: _____