Mary Hill Davis
Ethnic Scholarship Program

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PURPOSE AND QUALIFICATIONS

PURPOSE STATEMENT

- The purpose of the Mary Hill Davis Scholarship program is to provide support and encouragement to Texas Baptist ethnic/minority students who will serve as future lay and vocational ministry leaders in Texas Baptist ethnic/minority churches.
- The scholarship program is designed to assist students pursuing a Bachelor's Degree at a Texas Baptist University (see below). It is not the purpose of this program to support applicants pursuing graduate degrees or enrolled in non-degree programs.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Each applicant must show evidence of being actively engaged in his/her respective ethnic/minority culture. Ethnic/Minority Culture is defined as "Non-Anglo persons of African-American, Hispanic, Asian or other minority culture.
- It is **required** that the applicant be a member of a Texas Baptist church affiliated and participating with the Baptist General Convention of Texas that is representative of his/her ethnic /minority culture. A participating church is defined as: giving through the Texas Baptist Cooperative Program and the Mary Hill Davis Offering for Texas Missions, during the last 12 months.
  - Each eligible full-time student (12 or more hours) will receive $1,000 per semester.
  - Each eligible part-time student (minimum of 6 hours) will receive $500 per semester.
- Please note this change: **THE MAXIMUM AWARDED ANYTIME IS TWO SEMESTERS**.
- Those currently receiving a Mary Hill Davis Ethnic/Minority Scholarship are **NOT GUARANTEED SCHOLARSHIP APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR.**

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Beginning 2018, graduating high school applicants must have pastor recommendation, current high school transcript and college acceptance verification and meet other scholarship requirements.
- New and Renewal Application forms will be available by January 15.
- The application must be received by May 31 each year.
- Applicants must have resided in Texas for at least 12 months immediately prior to applying and must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.
- For new students, currently enrolled in college, a current transcript and proof of enrollment must accompany the application.
- All applicants, either first-time or renewal, must provide a letter of recommendation from the pastor of his/her church. If possible, this letter should be submitted on church stationery and must contain the church's name and physical address as well as current contact information for the pastor. The letter should be written to affirm the membership and participation of the applicant, including the length of time the applicant has been a member of the church.
- Each renewal applicant must continue as an active member in in a Texas Baptist Ethnic/Minority church. Where ethnic/minority churches are unavailable the student will need to consult with the appropriate ethnic director.

- All new (first-time) applicants must have a 3.0 GPA
- Renewal applicants must maintain a 2.5 GPA
- Once the completed application is submitted, each ethnic office will determine the scholarship recipients. Applicants should be notified by June 1 as to their scholarship status.
- **ONLY COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.**

SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL

- **Each year** the Mary Hill Davis Administrative Office must receive current enrollment verification before scholarship funds will be disbursed on behalf of the student. These documents must be submitted to the administrative office by May 31.

- Any scholarship recipient who does not attend school for a semester without notifying the Mary Hill Davis Scholarship Office will be considered non-active. The scholarship will be discontinued, and the student will remain on non-active status until the student reapplies.

Universities Eligible for Mary Hill Davis Ethnic/Minority Scholarship Recipients are:

- Baptist University of the America's
- Baylor University
- Dallas Baptist University
- East Texas Baptist University
- Hardin-Simmons University
- Houston Baptist University
- Howard Payne University
- University of Mary Hardin-Baylor
- Wayland Baptist University