

FBC Lewisville Church Matching Gift Program

I. Organization

The administration of the Church Matching Gift Program for Texas Baptist Universities and other cooperating Baptist Universities is a duty performed by the Leadership Council of FBC Lewisville. They shall have sole discretion as to the administration of this program including any revisions.

II. Purpose

To help members of our congregation continue the pursuit of their education by providing financial assistance. To administer funds or authorize distribution of funds made available to the Leadership Council for the Church Matching Gift Program among Texas Baptist Universities and other cooperating Baptist Universities.

The Leadership Council should publicize through church media and publications the availability and general guidelines for applying to receive funds. A current copy of this policy shall be distributed with all applications.

III. Financing

The Church Matching Gift Program will be funded by the individual contributions of our church membership.

The Leadership Council will publicize through our church media and publications the opportunity for our membership to contribute to existing funds and the scholarship process.

IV. Eligibility

1) No applicant who has been a member for less than 12 months as of the application due date will be eligible for this fund. (see VII. Application Calendar).

2) The student must be able to satisfy the Leadership Council that they are of high moral character and a dedicated Christ-follower and will be attending Texas Baptist Universities affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas or other cooperating Baptist University. This requirement will be met on the basis of application and two (2) references; one personal reference, (not related to the applicant) and one from church

lay or ministerial leadership. Reference letters are to be submitted directly to the Church Administrator.

3) Applicants will generally be recent high school students or undergraduate students, but other applicants may be considered including older members and those pursuing advanced degrees.

4) Applicants must be able to show, if requested, by previous scholastic record they are reasonably qualified for college.

5) Applicants are not eligible for the church matching gift program if they are eligible for financial aid that would be removed by receipt of the church's matching gift.

VII. Application Calendar

Fall Application Process (As funds are available.)

Beginning in February, the Leadership Council will publicize through church media and publications the availability of the Church Matching Gift Program and how Church members can obtain an application. Notices will be run through the application due date.

All Student Applications are due to the church office **by March 31**.

By April 30, each applicant will be informed in writing of the Leadership Council's recommendation of their application.

Spring Application Process (As funds are available.)

Beginning in August, the Leadership Council will publicize through church media and publications the availability of the Church Matching Gift Program and how church members can obtain an application. Notices will be run through the application due date.

All Student Applications are due to the church office **by September 30**.

By October 31, each applicant will be informed in writing of the Leadership Council's recommendation of their application.

VIII. Payment

Checks will be made payable to the student's institution of higher learning.

IX. Distribution Timeline

Matching funds shall be granted at the beginning of each semester upon the student's attendance verification.

X. Policy on Church Matching Funds

Texas Baptist Universities offer church matching scholarships for their students. FBC Lewisville will authorize these matching funds only if they meet these Internal Revenue Service requirements:

- 1) Funds cannot be designated for a particular student.
- 2) Funds cannot be given by a member of the student's family and directed to that student.
- 3) Student cannot have performed services for the funds.
- 4) The church matching gift will only be available from FBC Lewisville as funds are available, based on donations.

**FBC Lewisville
Church Matching Gift Program
Student Application**

Fall Application Deadline: March 31
Spring Application Deadline: September 30

NOTICE: Your information is held under the strictest confidentiality by church staff and the Leadership Council.

Contact Information

Name: _____ Male/Female

Address / City / State / Zip: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Social Security #: _____

Phone: _____ Marital Status: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Address / City / State / Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Personal Information

Are you a member of FBC Lewisville? Yes / No

If yes, how long? _____

Describe your involvement in church activities / ministries:

Institution Attending / Applied For: _____

Address / City / State / Zip: _____

Major Course of Study: _____ Classification: _____

Student ID #/ SS#: _____

List any other scholarships or loans you have been granted:

Please describe your personal vision for your future:

Please submit your application and reference letters to:

FBC Lewisville
Attn: Leadership Council
1251 W. Valley Ridge Blvd.
Lewisville, Texas 75077

For Office Use:

References

Date Received

- Personal reference, (not related to the applicant)
- Church lay or ministerial leadership
