

SCHOLARSHIP POLICIES

AB Women's Ministries of Massachusetts

Undergraduate Scholarships

Scholarships to American Baptist Women in Massachusetts meeting the requirements of the Scholarship Committee are available upon application.

Women seeking scholarship aid must:

1. *intend to render Christian service in their chosen vocations that is in some way church related;*
2. *have been active members of an American Baptist Church in Massachusetts for one year prior to making an application;*
3. *supply three (3) written references: pastor of the church, teacher/professor and a friend known for at least 5 years and is not a relative;*
4. *supply a current transcript from high school or college, whichever is appropriate;*
5. *write a statement of faith; and*
6. *write a letter of life purpose clearly describing how you intend to serve in the Christian community after your education is completed.*

Scholarships will be granted on the basis of dedication, need, and scholastic ability. Not more than one new church scholarship will be awarded in any given year to applicants who are members of the same church.

First time applicants must have a personal interview with the committee or designated member(s), after references are checked.

First preference will be given to girls preparing for church related vocations.

The school chosen by the applicant must meet with the approval of the Scholarship Committee.

Applicants must submit a renewal application accompanied by a written statement of faith, statement of life purpose, and current transcript each year. *Scholarships are not necessarily guaranteed for four years.*

Notification of awarding of a scholarship will be sent to the applicant. All other applicants will be advised of the Committee's decision.

The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withdraw scholarship aid if the applicant changes schools without approval of the Committee.

Students not completing the school year without just cause are **expected** to return the scholarship aid.

Graduate Scholarships

Two scholarships known as the "**Lenore S. Bigelow Scholarships**" shall be designated annually for use of the American Baptist women in Massachusetts for graduate study at Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School and/or Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School. Previous policies apply.

Two scholarships known, as the "**Bernardston Graduate Scholarships**" shall be designated annually for use of the American Baptist women in Massachusetts for graduate study at any Massachusetts Theological and/or Divinity school or an American Baptist Divinity School. Previous policies apply.

Applications should be received no later than March 31, 2020. An application will not be reviewed until all references, transcripts and statements from the candidate have been received. Notification shall be sent to the applicant by May 31, 2019.

Requests for and submissions of applications should be sent to: Bonnie Sestito, 9 Teel St. Place, Arlington, MA 02474, Attn: Scholarship Committee.