

# Georgia Baptist Education Commission

The Education Commission office of the Georgia Baptist Convention supports the ministry of three Baptist colleges in Georgia and administers several scholarship programs. Whether you are preparing to begin your college education or thinking about continuing your studies, we are here to help.

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## **Georgia Baptist Colleges**

### ***Brewton-Parker College***

Brewton-Parker College is the only accredited four-year Christian college south of Macon and north of Jacksonville, FL. Founded in 1904, BPC is committed to being unapologetically Christian, academically strong, and proudly Baptist. The College's mission is to develop the whole student through the application of Biblically-centered truth to a liberal arts curriculum in a community of shared Christian values. Serving traditional students and adult learners at its main campus in Mount Vernon and external center in Newnan, Brewton-Parker offers Associate of Arts, Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Ministry, and Bachelor of Science degrees.

For more information: 1-800-342-1087 or visit [www.bpc.edu](http://www.bpc.edu)

### ***Shorter University***

Shorter University provides a transformational experience for students through the power of Jesus Christ. Our Christian faculty and staff guide students in a first-class educational experience while also caring about their spiritual development. Shorter's aim is help the students God has entrusted to us to be transformed into individuals who are fully prepared to embrace His plan for their lives. This Georgia Baptist institution has been consistently ranked among the South's best comprehensive colleges. Shorter offers Bachelor degrees with more than 40 majors, as well as, online Masters and adult degree programs. Enrollment: 1,600 in traditional program and 1,700 in College of Adult and Professional Programs.

For more information: 1-800-868-6980 or visit [www.shorter.edu](http://www.shorter.edu)

### ***Truett-McConnell University***

Located in the beautiful Northeast Georgia mountains, Truett-McConnell University equips students to fulfill the Great Commission by fostering a Christian worldview through a biblically centered education. A distinctively Baptist school, Truett-McConnell is the only college in Georgia that offers a Bachelor of Arts in World Missions degree. The college also offers more than 40 programs of study leading to Bachelor degrees in Christian studies, world missions, business, humanities, education, history, music, psychology, biology, English, and interdisciplinary studies – all taught by a faculty who signed the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. Residential students live and learn in a community of faith with personal attention from their instructors. In addition, Truett-McConnell University offers online degrees in Christian Studies, Missions and Business.

For more information: 1-800-226-8621, or visit [www.truett.edu](http://www.truett.edu)

## **Scholarship Programs**

### **Institutional Scholarships**

Approximately 90% of all students at Georgia Baptist colleges receive some form of financial aid. The colleges offer significant scholarships, grants, and loans including: academic, need-based, athletic, music, Pell grant, state Hope and equalization grants, loans and work-study programs and Baptist Convention funds. In many

instances, financial aid reduces cost to students to no more than that of a state university. Contact colleges individually for specific information.

### **Baptist Student Achievement Awards**

Each year the Education Commission, in cooperation with the Baptist colleges, awards 30 scholarships to outstanding Baptist high school seniors. Recipients receive \$1,000 annually for up to four years while enrolled in Georgia Baptist colleges. Students must be active members of churches affiliated with the Georgia Baptist Convention. Academic achievement is primary but extracurricular activities and church involvement are also considered. All applicants must be nominated by their ministers. Nominations must be made by November 1 of the students' senior years of high school. Pastors may choose to use our on-line nomination form (<http://gabaptist.org/student-achievement-award-form/>) or for a downloadable, printable form ([http://gabaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/pdf\\_ec\\_saa\\_nomination\\_form2014.pdf](http://gabaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/pdf_ec_saa_nomination_form2014.pdf)) between July 1 and November 1 of each year.

### **Ministerial Education**

The Georgia Baptist Convention provides funds through its Cooperative Program budget to assist Baptist students who plan to enter church ministry vocations. Students apply at the financial aid offices of the institutions. In 2012, over 100 students received up to \$720 per term in assistance. Funds are available for students considering the pastorate, missionary service, and church staff ministry.

Those considering bi-vocational ministry may also apply. This funding is a grant to students eventually serving in a ministerial vocation. It is to be repaid if the student does not continue in ministerial study or enter a church-related vocation and continue in ministry for three years.

The financial aid director of each college is responsible for ascertaining the needs and qualifications of each student making a request and must submit these applications to the Education Commission office. The grants are then forwarded to the college to be applied to the student's tuition. If you would like more information, please fill out our on-line form.

### **Georgia Baptist Foundation**

The Georgia Baptist Foundation manages more than 100 scholarships and loan funds that have been established through wills and trusts of individual Georgia Baptists. The Foundation works closely with the financial aid directors of the Georgia Baptist colleges in determining who receives these grants and loans, with application for the majority of these funds being made through the college financial aid offices.

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