**Arkansas Christian Education Board**

**Scholarship Program**

**Mission**

The mission of the Scholarship Program is to promote Higher Education among Arkansas Free Will Baptist students – both in Graduate and Undergraduate programs and to promote increased involvement of Arkansas Free Will Baptist students in attendance of a Free Will Baptist College.

**Undergraduate Eligibility Requirements**

The student shall….

1. Be a member and maintain membership in good standing in an Arkansas Free Will Baptist Church.
2. Maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
3. Be enrolled in a Free Will Baptist College.
4. Be enrolled as a full time student maintaining a minimum of 12 hours per semester.

**Graduate Eligibility Requirements**

The student shall….

1. Be a member and maintain membership in good standing in an Arkansas Free Will Baptist Church.
2. Maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale.
3. Maintain a minimum of “part-time” status enrolled in at least 2 courses per semester or a combined total of 4 courses per year.
4. Be enrolled in an approved, accredited seminary.

**Income Source & Plan**

The Scholarship Fund shall be funded by the Christian Education Board with a specific amount established each year with the adoption of the annual budget.

**Administration and Disbursement**

1. The scholarship program will be administered by the Christian Education Board of Arkansas Free Will Baptists.
2. Disbursement of funds will be by the State Office in conjunction with the approval of the Christian Education Board.
3. Applications are due in the State Office no later than February 28th. Recipients will be announced at the State Meeting in May.
4. In addition to the application, the student must submit a reference letter, a testimony and statement of need.

**Awards**

1. The scholarship award will be payable to the educational institution.
2. Scholarship award will be for one (1) year and recipient must re-apply for each year of eligibility.
3. Scholarship will be limited to five (5) years of undergraduate work and three (3) years of graduate work.
4. Members of the Christian Education Board are not eligible to receive scholarships.
5. The recipient of the scholarship agrees to repay the funds which he/she receives from this scholarship if he/she fails to have an active ministry in a Free Will Baptist Church for five (5) years after completing his/her course of study.

*“Educating and edifying Arkansas Free Will Baptists for the furtherance of the Gospel"*