

MINISTER'S REFERENCE

Baptist Foundation of Illinois Scholarship

Date _____

Applicant's Name _____

Minister's Name _____

I am the applicant's _____ Senior Pastor, _____ Youth Minister, _____ Music Minister.
_____ Other (Please explain your relationship with the applicant.) _____

Name of Church _____

Street Address _____ City _____ Zip _____


How long have you known this applicant? _____

A Baptist Foundation Scholarship requires a reference from the applicant's pastor or another minister of their church. A frank and honest reference is important. The Foundation is not requesting the church's formal endorsement of the candidate's suitability for consideration. It does assume that by your own knowledge of this applicant, no reason exists which would prevent such an endorsement.

We ask that you rate the applicant in five areas: Leadership, Christian service, community service, personal character and financial need. **Please complete each scale and provide an example. To accurately evaluate each applicant, examples are important. When they are lacking, the applicant is directly affected.**

If you as minister feel that you are not familiar enough with the applicant, please have another church leader or a former pastor complete the reference form. If you yourself are the applicant, or if the applicant is a relative, it is essential that you delegate this evaluation task to another more objective person.

This reference form is not to be returned to the applicant. **Please assume the responsibility of mailing it directly to the Foundation by February 26, 2010.** The mailing address is found at the bottom of the page. Thank you.



The Scholarship Committee
Baptist Foundation of Illinois
P. O. Box 19247
Springfield, IL 62794-9247

Using a scale of 0 to 5 with 5 being the highest, rate the applicant in each of the following five areas and provide at least one example and/or comment:

A. LEADERSHIP IN ACTION: Does the applicant demonstrate leadership within his/her church?

0 1 2 3 4 5

Please justify your rating with an example:

B. CHRISTIAN SERVICE: The applicant is actively involved in church services, and church-sponsored ministries and events.

0 1 2 3 4 5

Please justify your rating with an example:

C. COMMUNITY SERVICE: The applicant is actively involved in school and/or community activities/events.

0 1 2 3 4 5

Please justify your rating with an example:

D. PERSONAL CHARACTER: Does the applicant exhibit traits that are consistent with Ephesians 4:25 – 5:7?

0 1 2 3 4 5

Please justify your rating with an example:

E. FINANCIAL NEED: What effect would a \$1,000 scholarship have on this applicant furthering his/her education?

0 1 2 3 4 5

Please justify your rating with an example:

F. OTHER COMMENTS: Please share any other information about the applicant that would help us make an appropriate decision.