

## **Application Guidelines for T. B. Maston Scholarship in the Study of Christian Ethics**

The T. B. Maston Scholarship is established to honor the life and service of Dr. T. B. Maston. Because of his life and work, Christian Ethics became a field of academic inquiry at every Baptist seminary. Dr. Maston helped to birth Baptist Christian Life Commissions, both on the national level and in several of the Baptist state conventions. He influenced thousands of Baptist students to consider the ethical as a concern of the church. He contributed to 27 books on ethics. His influence was key in making it unacceptable for congregations to ignore the needs of the poor, the disenfranchised, the hungry, and the hurting.

Dr. Maston's favorite Scripture verse was *1 John 2:6* - "Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did." (NIV) Until his death in 1988, T. B. Maston always challenged himself and others in the Baptist tradition to live out an authentically Christ-like life.

### ***The Purpose of the Scholarship***

The T. B. Maston Scholarship is established to encourage on-going leadership and scholarship in the field of Christian ethics, and to challenge others in the Baptist tradition to live out an authentic Christ-like ethic.

### ***The Candidate***

The recipient of the T. B. Maston Scholarship is to be someone who reflects the integrity, commitment, and passion of T. B. Maston in his or her scholarship and life. The candidate should be a graduate student or post-graduate student in the field of Christian ethics.

The candidate should be rooted in Baptist congregational life, involved in "historic" Baptist traditions, and committed to research and study that will engage the larger Christian community and the world in living life ethically.

### ***Description of the T. B. Maston Scholarship and Scholarship Procedure***

The T. B. Maston Scholarship is a one-time grant presented to a graduate student or post-graduate student in the field of Christian Ethics. Applications are submitted to the Scholarship Committee of the T. B. Maston Foundation and must then be approved by the T. B. Maston Foundation Board of Trustees.

*The Board is currently reviewing the scholarship grant amount and will place that information on the Web site after it has been determined.*

### ***Procedure:***

1. October 1 deadline for submittal of application
2. Review of applications by Scholarship Committee
3. Recommendation of nominee to Foundation Board of Trustees prior to the annual meeting (normally held in February)
4. Approval of nominee by Foundation Board of Trustees at annual meeting
5. Announcement of recipient of Maston Scholarship to media
6. Forwarding of grant to the Financial Aid Office of the institution designated by the recipient, for use beginning in the fall semester of that year; grant is made, in the student's name, to the institution

### ***Application Requirements***

- Submittal of application by the October 1 deadline
- Submittal of all transcripts from candidate's undergraduate and graduate work
- Submittal of three letters of recommendation
  - Primary professor from field of study, who can address the candidate's academic potential and commitment to the study of ethics
  - Pastor, minister, or chaplain who can attest to the candidate's commitment to the Christian life and to "historic" Baptist traditions
  - Friend or colleague who can speak to the candidate's commitment to living life ethically
- Submittal of a 500-word essay that communicates how Christian ethics should impact the life of the church in the world

Click [here](#) for a printable copy of the T. B. Maston Scholarship Application form. Candidate should complete the application and return it to:

Maston Foundation Scholarship Committee  
333 N. Washington  
Dallas, TX 75246