American Baptist Churches of New Jersey
ABCNJ Academy
Doctor of Ministry and Sabbatical Scholarship Grant Award Application
2012 Application

APPLICANTS

Doctor of Ministry Scholarships
The ABCNJ Academy is able to offer scholarship grants for Doctor of Ministry studies. Currently active ABCNJ pastors whose churches are in covenant with ABCNJ and who are enrolled in an accredited D. Min. program will be eligible to apply for one of three possible $500 scholarships given out each year (only one scholarship per person for the doctoral degree program).

ABCNJ Sabbatical Grants
The ABCNJ Academy is able to offer grants of $500 for currently active ABCNJ clergy seeking to take a sabbatical for further study. The pastor’s church must be in covenant with ABCNJ. (Only one scholarship per person.)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants need to:
1. Complete the Doctor of Ministry or Sabbatical Grant Award Application. (Type or Print Neatly)
2. D. Min. candidates must provide a copy of their most recent transcript or a copy of their acceptance letter, and compose a one page integrative essay on the theme of “Excellence In Ministry.”
3. Clergy candidates seeking a Sabbatical Grant must write a description of their sabbatical design.
4. All application materials should be mailed in one package to the address below by July 31, 2012.
5. Failure to include all of the requested documents may be grounds for rejecting the application. Send your packet to:

ABCNJ Academy Committee
American Baptist Churches of New Jersey
3752 Nottingham Way, Suite 101
Trenton, NJ 08690-3802

CRITERIA FOR RECEIVING AWARDS

1. Family members of full-time ABCNJ employees and the ABCNJ Academy Committee are not eligible for awards, due to conflict of interest issues.

2. Sponsoring churches must be in covenant with the denomination. This includes giving missions offerings to ABCNJ and participating in associational and regional events, such as Annual Session. It is the responsibility of the church to be in covenant.

3. D. Min. awards will be mailed directly to the recipient’s academic institution.

4. Sabbathical grants will be mailed to the pastor’s local church.

KEY DATES
July 31, 2012
September 7, 2012
September 29, 2012

TIME SCHEDULE
Completed application must be returned.
Applicants are notified of awards given.
Grant recipients will be acknowledged at Annual Session.
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Due Date: July 31, 2012

I. Personal Data

Name__________________________________________

Home Address__________________________________________

City____________________ State ________________ Zip Code________

Email Address______________________________@______________

II. Church Affiliation

Name of your Church__________________________________________

Street______________________________________________________

City____________________ State ________________ Zip Code________

Name of Your Pastor__________________________________________

How long have you been a pastor at this church? ________________

III. Proposed Sabbatical Focus of Research

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Note: Your promptness in completing and returning this form is appreciated. Materials received after the July 31, 2012 deadline will not be considered.
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How long have you been a pastor at this church? ________________________

III. Education

List prior schools attended: City/State Dates (Beginning-Ending)

College/University________________________________________

Academic Honors________________________________________

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Other Honors and Extra curricular Activities____________________

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Seminary_________________________________________________

Address_________________________ City/State___________ Zip_______

Bursar’s Office Address____________________________________

Address_________________________ City/State___________ Zip_______

Grade Point Average: Attach a copy of your latest school transcript or acceptance letter that includes your GPA. (NOTE: No consideration will be given to applications with missing GPA data.)

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Thank you for sharing in this process.