

Applicant Requirements

To apply for a Keesee grant **ALL** of the following must be met:

- You must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- You must be a resident of one of the following states, living as a resident in one of these states for a minimum of twelve months **IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ENTERING ANY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION (online credit courses are considered to be entered into an educational institution):**

- Virginia
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Tennessee
- West Virginia

You cannot establish residency while you are a student.

The Trustees reserve the right to determine residency and may ask for a copy of your voter registration card, state income tax return, and/or driver's license.

- You must have the necessary academic qualifications required to be admitted by the Keesee beneficiary school to which you are applying.
- You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 and are required to upload an unofficial transcript with your application.
- You must be preparing to enter Baptist ministry or religious work in the Baptist denomination as defined by the Board of Trustees.

Definition of Baptist Ministry or Religious Work in the Baptist Denomination

The Board of Trustees defines Baptist ministry or Baptist religious work as being employed and paid by a Baptist church or on the mission field with a Baptist agency and requiring formal academic preparation to fulfill your responsibilities.

- You must be a member of a Baptist church affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, Southern Baptist Convention of Virginia, Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, Baptist General Association of Virginia, a state or national Baptist Convention, or Original Free Will Baptist.

Applicants are required to provide contact information for their church pastor or other ministerial staff member to verify the applicant is a member of an eligible Baptist church, the date the applicant joined the church, and the convention or association with which the church cooperates. Applicants are not considered for a Keesee grant without a third-party providing this information.

Please review “Class Requirements” for additional requirements for the type of degree program you are pursuing.