

Baugh Scholars Description, Criteria, and Expectations

Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University

Baugh Scholars receive a renewable scholarship for full tuition and fees to be applied toward their Perkins degree program.

Baugh Scholars have demonstrated a vocational commitment and potential to enhance Baptist life through pastoral leadership or teaching. As enrolled students in the degree programs offered at Perkins School of Theology at SMU, they are also expected to engage with and contribute to Baptist life at Perkins.

Application criteria:

- 3.0 GPA or better as undergraduates
- Submit an additional essay on their past, present, and future anticipated service within the Baptist church or academy as pastor, chaplain, or teacher.
- Submit an additional reference/form by pastor to validate church involvement

Selection criteria:

- Priority of degree programs (in order): MDiv, MTS, ThM, MAM, MSM, DMIN, DPM
- Confidence in their stated commitment and potential
- Baptist commitment (some nondenominational and free church students may be invited to apply in the 2nd year, after demonstrating Baptist commitments)

Expectations for Baugh Scholars:

- All should maintain a 3.0 GPA or better
- All should be employed, be ordained, and/or find their church home in a Baptist congregation
- All should engage with a Baptist denominational conference, Perkins recruiting events, or other activities of the Baptist House of Studies at Perkins
- Masters (MDiv, MTS, MAM, MSM) students should take one or both Baptist courses, a Baptist-based internship (if required for degree), ideally the Baptist Studies Concentration (for MDiv only). Additionally, they will be matched with a Baptist mentor.
- Advanced (ThM, DMIN, and DPM) students should be available to serve as mentors to Masters students