

Brainerd Institute's 1928 Scholarship

[The Brainerd Institute](#) exists to fulfill the mission of our church to help those far from God become committed followers of Christ *by offering training for every follower of Jesus Christ seeking to carry out that mission personally and missionally.*

Our commitment to fulfilling this mission began in 1928 when Brainerd Baptist Church was planted by the Ocoee Baptist Association, the forerunner of the Hamilton County Baptist Association, who presented “the need for a new Baptist church in the Brainerd section” of Chattanooga. Ground was broken for the first church building on Sunday morning, November 17, 1928 at the corner of Brookfield and Albemarle. Brainerd Baptist has been on the same street corner since that time and continues to be a church committed to reaching those from the Scenic City to the Nations. You can learn more about our history [here](#). Our strategy of Delivering the Word, Discipling the Believer, and Deploying the Church has led us to start multiple campuses in the Chattanooga area and send missionaries to the ends of the earth.

While we are thankful for our rich legacy, we also desire to pursue an even greater future that prioritizes the theological education of future generations. We believe “theological” at its best embodies an intricate partnership between the local church and the seminary. To this end, we desire to imitate Paul’s 2 Timothy 2:2 mindset whereby we commit ourselves and the gospel message to “faithful people who will be able to teach others also” (CSB).

Our prayer for the *1928 Scholarship* is to assist brothers and sisters in Christ who faithfully model Brainerd’s vision of reaching those far from God and equipping them as committed followers of Jesus.

If Brainerd Institute ceases to exist or the funds exceed the need, the Finance Team has the authority to allocate the funds to another active ministry.

Qualifications and Eligibility

A limited number of scholarship awards are made available each year under the following parameters:

1. The student must be a member of Brainerd Baptist Church.
2. The scholarship is open to prospective and current students studying through SEBTS at the Brainerd Institute.
3. The student must be accepted as a student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
4. The student must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA.
5. The student must reapply for funds each year and may receive funds for up to 3 years.

Application Periods:

Period 1 (Spring Semester Only): September 1 - September 30

Period 2 (Full Academic Year): March 1 - March 31

- *Support for this fund will come from special designated gifts.*
- *The Lead Team will appoint a team of three Brainerd Baptist Church members as the approval board for applications.*