

Dora Maclellan Brown

Ministry Scholarship Guidelines



Born in 1879, the daughter of Thomas Maclellan and Helen Jardine Maclellan of St. John, New Brunswick, Canada, Dora Maclellan moved to Chattanooga with her family in 1892. Her father assumed the directorship of what was to become Provident Life & Accident Insurance Company, now Unum. She too served as an executive with Provident. Late in life she married Mr. Ben Brown. They had no children.

Believing that her financial blessings should be used for the benefit of mankind, Dora Maclellan Brown established a fund that would be expressly geared to Christian evangelism and the training of foot soldiers for God's front lines. Her children, then, were the numerous students she helped all her life with scholarships.

Mrs. Brown had a gentle sense of humor, a graciousness, a generosity, and a kindness that was lived out in her service to others. She was active in her community and church (Second Presbyterian) and desired that every person, young and old, have access to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

After a life filled with serving others, teaching Bible classes, and living simply and modestly, Dora Maclellan Brown died on February 24, 1974 at the age of 94. Those who were with her said that she died singing hymns.

In memory of Mrs. Brown, the Dora Maclellan Brown Charitable Trust established the scholarship program in 1972 to glorify God by providing for those He has called to His service. The DMBCT later became Chattanooga Christian Community Foundation, which now operates as The Generosity Trust.

Dora Maclellan Brown Scholarships are available to Christian men and women:

- from the greater Chattanooga area (see guidelines below),
- who are theologically and biblically conservative, and
- who are seeking to continue their education in Christian service work at a theological seminary, Bible college, or graduate school.

Specifically, the student will be focusing on classes or master's degrees that will prepare the student for vocational Christian service work. This includes Master's of Divinity, Master's of Theology, master's degree in biblical counseling, missions, worship music or other fields for Christian service work. It also includes students who are participating in continuing education to assist in their bi-vocational Christian service work. The committee does not consider applications for doctoral programs.

Scholarships are awarded based on merit and need. Amounts vary. They are granted for the duration of the program or financial need. For grants to be renewed, scholars must make satisfactory grades and report those grades each term to The Generosity Trust. The Application Procedure

1. three-page application (downloadable from www.thegenerositytrust.org)
2. one page testimony of faith
3. one page evidence of call to ministry
4. official grade transcript(s)
5. resume
6. letters of reference (see guidelines below)
7. personal picture - Optional
8. geographical eligibility statement (if necessary)

There is no advantage in applying early. Page 2 of the application form is largely a budget projection, so January or February data will be most accurate.

The application packet must be received at The Generosity Trust office by 5:00 p.m. EST the first weekday on or after February 15. Transcripts may be sent on paper or electronically. All other parts of the packet may be sent on paper or electronically. By mid-March the committee will select finalists for an interview to be completed by mid-April. Candidates will be notified of a decision by April 30.

The Board of Directors of The Generosity Trust hope that the partnership formed between the foundation and each scholarship recipient will be a life-long relationship. For the duration of the scholarship, the foundation and the Internal Revenue Service require that Dora Maclellan Brown Scholars keep the foundation informed as to how the scholar is doing and how board and staff members can best pray for each scholar.

GUIDELINES FOR GEOGRAPHICAL ELIGIBILITY

The Generosity Trust is a small foundation. Dora Maclellan Brown Ministry Scholarships, therefore, are limited to local students.

Local students mean those who are “from the greater Chattanooga area.” We generally define that area as:

- As far south as Dalton, GA;
- As far east as Cleveland, TN;
- As far north as Dayton, TN, and
- As far west as South Pittsburg, TN.

The committee is interested in investing in those who call this area home, or have strategic ties or connections to this area.

If your address is not local, tell us in an essay:

- What is your Chattanooga connection?
- How do you consider Chattanooga home?
- Tell us where you grew up,
- where you went to college,
- about your family,
- about your church membership,

- about your employment history, and how any (or all) of those are related to Chattanooga.

If people ask you, “Where are you from?” what do you tell them?

For instance, if you were born in Kentucky, moved to Chattanooga when you were 8, graduated from Red Bank High School, went to college at UTC, are an active member of North Shore Fellowship, and worked at Panera while you were in school, you’re definitely from Chattanooga.

However, if you were born and raised in Minnesota, came to Chattanooga to go to Covenant College, never worked here, went home every break and every summer, you’re really not from Chattanooga – you’re from Minnesota. That’s great, but this scholarship is (probably) not for you.

GUIDELINES FOR REFERENCE LETTERS

The Dora Maclellan Brown Scholarship Committee would like to receive the following references:

1. Academic Reference – someone who knows you as a student and how you work in an educational setting.
2. Church Reference – someone from your local church staff who can speak to your gifts and your call to vocational ministry.
3. Ministry Reference (if needed)– if you work or serve in a ministry related organization that is not your local church, please submit a reference from someone who can speak to your gifts and your call to vocational ministry.

If you work in your church, you will not need to provide the Ministry Reference.

There is not a reference form. You can receive the reference letters to submit with your application or you may ask your reference to send a letter to TGT via mail or email (jennifer@thegenerositytrust.org). The letter should speak to your character, gifts, and calling to vocational ministry.