

Elevate Chattanooga: Continuing Ministry Education Scholarship

The Elevate Chattanooga: Continuing Ministry Education Scholarship is an offspring of the Dora Maclellan Brown Scholarship. The DMB scholarship program is the hallmark program of The Generosity Trust. Aunt Dora started funding master's level scholarships in 1972. The DMB scholarship program is still going strong. Each spring the DMB scholarship committee awards scholarships to an average of 6 to 8 students per year.

Goal of the Elevate Chattanooga scholarship

The Elevate Chattanooga scholarship intends to meet the needs of ministry leaders who seek to take continuing education and/or class(es) to assist them in their selected field of ministry.

The Elevate Scholarship is a one-time financial award designed to cover the cost of one course. The Elevate Scholarship is NOT for those embarking on a two- or three-year seminary program or counseling program. The DMB Seminary Scholarship and/or the Timothy Scholarship is a much better fit for that student. A student who receives an Elevate Scholarship is not eligible to apply for a 2nd Elevate Scholarship.

An example of a typical candidate for the Elevate Scholarship is a bi-vocational pastor in the Chattanooga area who graduated from high school and began working in a trade or profession. Then, the Lord called him to preach and pastor a small congregation, and he has been doing both jobs to the best of his ability. A ministry friend told him about a 3-credit hour course offered in basic theology, or a 4-hour course in preaching, something he can complete over a two or three month time period, and something that will definitely improve his ability to minister to his congregation. The approximate cost of the course is \$1,500 – something that would stretch his family's budget. TGT would receive his application, review the information and, if approved, make payment directly to the school or seminary offering the course, as a payment on his account.

Who qualifies for an Elevate Chattanooga scholarship?

Christian men and women:

- who work and live in the greater Chattanooga area (see definition below)
- who are theologically and biblically conservative, and
- who are seeking to continue their education in Christian service work

When do I apply for an Elevate Chattanooga scholarship?

Anytime! The Elevate Chattanooga scholarship operates on a rolling 12-month cycle.

How do I apply for an Elevate Chattanooga scholarship?

You will need to complete the following:

1. one-page application
2. description of class(es)/course(s) and how it will impact your current ministry work
3. cost of class(es)/course(s) and description of financial need
4. description of how your local church is supporting you (i.e. financially, emotionally, or spiritually)
5. letter of reference from someone who can give a recommendation based on your ministry skills

Who will grant the Elevate Chattanooga scholarship?

The Elevate Chattanooga scholarship committee consists of members of the Dora Maclellan Brown scholarship committee.

What are the amounts of the Elevate Chattanooga scholarship awards?

The Elevate Chattanooga scholarship amount will be determined on a case-by-case basis. The average amount of the Elevate Chattanooga scholarship is between \$1,000 and \$3,000.

Definition of “from the greater Chattanooga area:”

We define “from the greater Chattanooga area” as an approximate 30-mile circumference around Chattanooga: Dalton, GA to Cleveland, TN to Dayton, TN to South Pittsburg, TN.