



The West Virginia Baptist Foundation

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Dear Pastor,

Enclosed is an application for the John I. Snedden-Ray Slaughter Scholarship. This year we will have a total of about \$400 for the scholarship. Note the guidelines on the application for complete details.

The Scholarship is named to honor John Snedden and Ray Slaughter. Snedden was an early pioneer in West Virginia Southern Baptist work who served tirelessly helping start new churches, organizing associations, and leading as the first Executive Director of the state convention. Ray Slaughter invested countless hours into strengthening the churches and to help organize the Convention.

The scholarship seeks to grant funds to students who are **preparing for fulltime Christian service at a Baptist college or seminary and who have been or currently are members of a church cooperating with The West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists.**

Family members and others who helped to establish this fund and who have since contributed to its corpus were clear in their desire that the guidelines be followed carefully as described above and on the enclosed application.

You have permission to photocopy the enclosed application to distribute to persons in your congregation(s) who may qualify for the annual grant. In addition, you may want to file this letter and your original copy of the application for use in future years.

The application packet must be sent to us **no later than June 1.**

Note also that one step in the process is for **the local congregation** to write a letter of recommendation for the applicant which has been approved in a business meeting. This letter should accompany the application packet.

The committee that does the selection process is composed of persons elected by messengers to the annual WV convention in November. The Committee makes the selection in June or July.

Expectantly,

Bill Henard
WVCSB Executive Director-Treasurer