

Our hope is that this fund will help and encourage pastors and ministers as they better equip themselves for service in God's church.

The Dr. Larry Orange Equipping the Called Scholarship Fund

If you would like to support this effort by NCBN to help equip church pastors and ministers through our Equipping the Called Scholarships, you can do so in a couple of ways:

1) Via check: Mail a personal or church check to the North Central Baptist Network (PO Box 1148, Shelbyville, KY 40066) with "Equipping the Called Scholarship Fund" on the memo line.

2) Via online giving: Go to www.ncbnetwork.org/take-action and click on the "Give" button. Or scan the QR code below for direct access to the giving page. Choose "Dr. Larry Orange Equipping the Called Scholarship" from the options.



Applicants for the Equipping the Called Scholarship must meet these criteria:

- Serve in a North Central Baptist Church in a full-time or part-time vocational ministry position
- Have served at the church for at least six months prior to the date of the application
- Submit a signed endorsement from the church where the applicant is serving
- Be a full-time or part-time undergraduate or graduate ministry student at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Boyce College of the Bible, or Clear Creek Bible College
- Working toward a degree that will further equip the applicant for vocational ministry
- Submit a letter from the school stating the student is in good standing and enrolled in the fall semester
- Submit a written testimony relating their conversion to Christ, call to ministry, current service to the Lord, and how this scholarship would impact their ministry
- Submit a completed application and related materials by April 15 for the school that begins in the fall of that year.

Note: One scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 will be awarded for each school year.

Note: Previous year's recipients must reapply for each new year to be considered.

Download a Scholarship Application at: ncbnetwork.org/scholarships or use the QR codes below:



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Supporting NCBN ministers as they prepare for service!



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Dr. Larry Orange

Dr. Larry Orange has served as pastor at several churches over the years, including West Broadway Baptist Church in Louisville, KY; Vienna First Baptist Church in Vienna, IL; and His House Ministries in Mayfield, KY where he was one of the founding pastors.

At Mid-Continent University, he was the Professor and Dean of the College of the Bible, Chair of the Christian Education and Leadership Department, Director of numerous academic programs, and Director of the Mid-Continent Regional Bi-vocational Center.

Additionally, he has been the Director of Missions for two Associations (Gaspar River and Henry Co.), served as the Director of the National Council for Bivocational Ministries, and continues to provide consulting and conference leadership to churches, associations, state conventions, and the North American Mission Board.

Throughout his service in these many ministry roles, a few truths stand forth clearly. He loves the Lord and the church, wants to see the lost come to faith in Christ, and possess a heart for equipping and encouraging young ministers. Over the years of his faithful ministry, it is safe to say that countless ministers have been strengthened and blessed by the teaching, mentorship, and encouragement of Dr. Orange.

The NCBN has chosen to name this scholarship the Dr. Larry Orange Equipping the Called Scholarship as a way of honoring and thanking DR. Orange for his faithful service to God.

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:1-2

The Need for Pastors in Kentucky

- 10-16% of KBC churches are without a pastor
- 64.8% of KBC churches employ a bi-vocational or part-time pastor
- 83% of KBC pastor openings are for bi-vocational positions
- It takes, on average, 12.9 months to call a full-time pastor
- It takes, on average, 16.4 months to call a bi-vocational pastor

As God calls out pastors and staff members to serve in our Network churches in both full-time and bi-vocational positions, let us strive to support them in their education and development as ministers!

History of this Scholarship

In the spring of 2012, the Henry County Baptist Association used \$20,000 to create an endowed scholarship fund out of which scholarships could be awarded to pastors and ministers serving in HCBA churches.

In the fall of 2012, the first \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Rev. Matthew Perry, the pastor of Turner's Station Baptist Church at that time.

In 2022, Henry County Baptist Association merged with Shelby Baptist Association and Oldham-Trimble Baptist Association to become the North Central Baptist Network. In 2023, the scholarship fund was renamed the Dr. Larry Orange Equipping the Called Scholarship Fund and the first award was made that fall.

The Church Health and Leadership Team of the Network has the responsibility of making this award each year.

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15