**DAKOTA BAPTIST CONVENTION**

**Continuing Education Fund for Pastors/Staff and Church Leaders**

**Purpose:**

The Continuing Education Fund for Pastors/Staff and Church Leaders is a fund committed to give grants for pastors/staff and church leaders to continue their training for ministry while serving in Dakota Baptist Convention churches. These grants are not intended to cover the entire cost of tuition. The DBC anticipates that the recipient, their local church, or association might also help with tuition.

**Conditions:**

1. The recipient must be a member in good standing of a cooperating DBC church.
2. The recipient must be recommended by his/her pastor or by his/her local church.
3. The recipient must be enrolled in an accredited Christian Educational Institution, either online or in residence.
4. Grants are limited to one course per semester.
5. Grants are limited to ½ the cost of a course.
6. Grants are limited to two grants per calendar year.

**Process:**

1. The candidate must make a request using the application form from the DBC website.
2. Explain in writing how the class will help him in his role as pastor/staff and or church leader.
3. Submit proof of enrollment with total cost of the class.
4. The convention will need 60 days to process, approve and send tuition checks to the applicant or institution.
5. The requests for grants will be approved by the DBC staff and Chairman of the Executive and reported back to the Executive Board when grant is approved.