

## ABCUSA MATTHEW 25 GRANT APPLICATION

A generous donor has given a sum of money through American Baptist Churches USA to be used for programs that address "housing, feeding, education and health with regard to the less fortunate." A panel will select recipients for grants of up to \$5,000 largely based on the degree to which the funds will be used to directly assist persons in poverty. Ministries must be in relationship with American Baptist Churches USA to be eligible to apply, and only one application per church or ministry will be considered per year. Grant funds may not be used to fund staff positions.

1. General Information:

Organization Name: Bacone College

Affiliation with ABCUSA: ABC related college

Address: 2299 Old Bacone Road Muskogee, OK 74403

Phone: 918-781-7223

Federal Tax ID#: 73-0590036

Contact person: Kathy Street email: [streetk@bacone.edu](mailto:streetk@bacone.edu)

2. Please submit with your application a copy of:

- Your mission statement
- A financial statement FOR THIS MINISTRY. This can be a budget or projected budget, and should not exceed 2 pages. Church budgets are not acceptable.

3. How do you plan to use the requested funds? How will the funds specifically assist individuals battling poverty and its effects? (Please submit on separate sheet. Maximum of one page.)

4. Total cost of the project: The cost of tuition for one semester is \$5,675.00 with approximately 95% of our students receiving an institutional scholarship

5. Amount being requested from the ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant: \$5,000.00

6. Your other funding source(s): alumni, individuals, ABC churches, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, foundations and other faithful mission partners.

I certify that all the information submitted with this application is true and correct, and that we will use any granted funds as described. We will supply a 1-page report on the use of the funds and a photo within six months of receipt of the grant.

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: February 25, 2014

Printed Name/Title: Franklin K. Willis, Interim President

**Please note:**

- Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Recipients agree to share their stories via the ABCUSA website.
- Application deadline is March 1 for grants distributed on April 15; Sept. 1 for grants distributed on Oct. 15
- Completed applications should be sent via email to [beth.fogg@abc-usa.org](mailto:beth.fogg@abc-usa.org). Only electronic submissions will be accepted.





BACONE  
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Value and Opportunity  
Since 1880

February 25, 2013

Ms. Beth Fogg  
Mission Resource Department  
American Baptist Churches USA  
P.O. Box 851  
Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

Dear Ms. Fogg,

Bacone College is pleased to submit this request for your review. We look forward to establishing a partnership in our *Current Dollars for Current Scholars* Campaign and the newly created ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant.

Our proposal requests \$5,000.00, which will enable us to provide scholarship assistance for American Indian students through the *Current Dollars for Current Scholars* Campaign. Funding from The ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant will support Bacone College low-income students who demonstrate a strong intellectual curiosity; a commitment to diversity while adhering to tradition and heritage; and a strong desire to achieve a college education. Because the college has limited resources, our greatest challenge is to grant additional financial aid to qualified students.

I would like to thank The American Baptist Churches, USA for the generous support of Bacone College in the past. We envision building upon our collaborative success by continuing our *Current Dollars for Current Scholars* Campaign with you. Many students would not have been able to afford the cost of a college education without your faithfulness to this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

Franklin K. Willis  
Interim President

## **GRANT PROPOSAL**

**ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant  
Mission Resource Department  
American Baptist Churches USA  
P.O. Box 851  
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania 19482-0851**

**Date:**

February 25, 2014

**Legal Name and Address:**

Bacone College  
2299 Old Bacone Road  
Muskogee, OK 74403

**Telephone Number:**

1-918-781-7221

**President:**

Franklin K. Willis  
Interim President

**Contact Person:**

Kathleen Street  
Director of Annual Fund

**Grant Request:**

\$5,000.00

**Purpose of Grant:**

Bacone College will use the ABCUSA Matthew 25 grant to provide funds for scholarship assistance toward the *Current Dollars for Current Scholars* Campaign.

**Is this organization an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit?**

Yes



**Description of the Organization:**

Founded in 1880, Bacone College, the only 4-year residential college in Muskogee is an independent liberal arts college affiliated with the American Baptist Churches, USA maintaining its commitment to serving American Indians within a culturally diverse community. The college, through its baccalaureate and associate degree programs, challenges students to develop intellectual and social skills, spiritual values and healthy lifestyle by providing quality education in a nurturing Christian environment.

Bacone is the oldest continuing institution of higher education in Oklahoma.

Bacone College is chartered under the laws of the State of Oklahoma and accredited by the North Central Association of College and Schools (NCA). A Board of Trustees that consists of representations from American Indians, American Baptists, and from professional, business, and community leaders of Oklahoma governs Bacone.

**Description of General Support:**

The majority of the students at Bacone College are first generation College students with high financial needs. Many of our American Indian students come from poor rural areas, high unemployment, and overcrowded housing conditions. These students are at risk and are more prone to drop out of college. The educators and administrators of Bacone College face a significant challenge to retain American Indian students. The *Current Dollars for Current Scholars* Campaign is our answer to this challenge.

Alleviating the burden of students and their families to find the necessary funds for college and to enable them to fully concentrate on their education has been a tenant of Bacone College since its inception in 1880. The Office of Financial Aid is dedicated to assisting all students in finding the financial means necessary for the attainment of their educational goals.

Every year 90% of Bacone College students receive over \$6 million in assistance to attend the College. Historically, Bacone has been able to raise at least \$1 million to cover these scholarship costs through annual support, corporation and foundation grants as well as private donors.

With current tuition rates at \$5,675/Semester, scholarship funding from The ABCUSA Matthew 25 Grant will go towards the *Current Dollars for Current Scholars* Campaign which will provide students with much needed support.

**Expenditure Budget for General Support:**

Bacone College is requesting \$5,000.00 in order to provide student scholarship assistance through the *Current Dollars for Current Scholars* Campaign.