



# News Release

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## **The College of Biblical Studies and the National Baptist Convention, USA Join Together to Provide \$1 Million in Scholarships to Young Men Experiencing Father Absence**



Houston – The [College of Biblical Studies](#) and the [National Baptist Convention, USA](#) have joined together to recruit up to 200 young men who have grown up without a positive father figure and can meet scholarship criteria.

The [Emerging Leaders Scholarship Program](#) offers fully paid tuition for an associate and/or bachelor's degree for young men 17-30 years old who have graduated from high school or earned a GED and grew up without a father actively involved in their life. Other requirements include being members in good standing and accountable to an NBCUSAINC church, the ability to purchase books, and the ability to learn in an online environment.

CBS President Dr. Bill Blocker believes this scholarship provides a much-needed opportunity for young men who deserve a chance to succeed in life. "CBS is uniquely training and preparing students through the truth of God's Word. Graduates incorporate and apply life changing biblical values in families, communities, ministries, and businesses around the world. Partnering with NBCUSAINC means we will be able to reach many young men wanting this opportunity."

Dr. Jerry Young, president of the NBCUSAINC, says, "Our convention is solidly committed to the Lord in every way that Scripturally honors God. We have always been dedicated to the empowerment and uplift of all peoples, particularly, young people, through the gospel of Jesus Christ. We see our partnership with CBS as an additional way for us to provide a biblically grounded college education through a program specifically designed to help young men who, through no fault of their own, need to be given the chance to earn a college degree that will make a world of difference in their life outcomes."

### **About the College of Biblical Studies**

The [College of Biblical Studies](#) is located in Houston, Indianapolis, and Fort Wayne. Leveraging its academic rigor and biblical worldview training, CBS offers an accredited college education on-campus and online, with several programs offered in the Spanish language. Students receive transformational education and training for service to families, ministries, businesses, and communities around the world. CBS is ranked as one of the lowest tuitions in Texas.

### **About the National Baptist Convention, USA**

Founded in 1886, [NBCUSAINC](#) is the nation's oldest and largest African American religious convention with an estimated membership of 7.5 million. The mission of the Convention is to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ through preaching, teaching, and healing.

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