

**Massachusetts Baptist Charitable Society
Grant Guidelines**

Post-M.Div. Educational Expenses

Available annually per year to clergy in accredited program. No lifetime maximum. Only one of the Putnam and Hatch grants are awarded each year. No individual may get both in the same year, and only once. Application deadline is July 31; Interviews are scheduled in August as needed.

Category	Guidelines
Regular Post M.Div. Grant	\$2,000;
Putnam Grant	\$2,000; must provide essay in addition to application
Hatch Grant	\$2,000

Educational Loan Repayment

Applicant must have graduated with the last ten (10) years from the degree program for which educational loans were obtained and remain unpaid. (Undergraduate, Master's and/or Doctoral programs)

Available annually per year to clergy of up to \$2,500 for 3 years.

After 3 years, we will match up to \$2,500 of what the individual has contributed for an additional 7 years.

Documentation of current balances is required.

Sabbatical Grant

Available to clergy of \$2,000 if they have served at least **7 years in current ministry**; letter from church required as approval of sabbatical; if previous grant was given, must be at least 7 years since last request.

Emergency Assistance

Cases are processed as they come in and reviewed. Documentation is required.