

THE ALBERT BAKER FUND

2024 

IMPACT REPORT

Impacting the Education of Over **500**
Christian Science Students Annually



Investing in the Education of Christian Science Students



This past year The Albert Baker Fund (ABF) celebrated its 60th anniversary. I'm happy to report that ABF is a thriving organization that blesses Christian Science students around the world. In 2024, we gave out more scholarships and at a higher amount than ever before.

Through the generosity of our donors, we have been able to impact over 500 Christian Science students in the pursuit of their academic and career goals. This includes students here in the United States as well as parts of Africa, Europe, Canada, and the Philippines. As you'll read about in the following pages, there is a lot of good to report!

Our small staff of workers who run the engine of our organization are a dedicated bunch who work tirelessly to support our ABF scholarship recipients. Libby Scheiern coaches and encourages our students through every aspect of the scholarship process, from filling out the online application form to following up with them once they've graduated. Ann Kennedy and Jeff Thompson manage our office in Folsom, California, keeping track of the day-to-day finances and operations. Sue Ellen Coughtry is our main connection with donors, traveling around the country to provide information and opportunities to support ABF. With a handful of part-time and volunteer workers, we run a pretty tight ship, ensuring that your donations have the biggest impact on our Christian Science students. We guarantee that 100% of your contribution goes directly to support students.

Thank you for investing in our wonderful ABF students!

With deep gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph M. Ritter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Joseph M. Ritter
Chief Executive Officer



THE MISSION OF THE ALBERT BAKER FUND IS TO SERVE THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND HUMANITY BY PROVIDING RESOURCES FOR THE EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS.

2024 IMPACT

503

Students Impacted

\$1,780,000

Awarded

Programs

- **Colleges, Universities, and Vocational Schools**
 - **United States and Canada**
 - **Africa, Europe, and the Philippines**
- **Training Christian Science Nurses Worldwide**
- **Christian Science Chaplains in the U.S. Military**

Katrina Boyce

**University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Industrial Design Major, Art History Minor**

“This summer I had the joy of being a graphic design intern for the Promotion & Design Services Group at The Mother Church in Boston, Massachusetts. It has truly been the most impactful summer of my life. Not only was I able to gain field experience in design, I was able to deepen my connection to Christian Science. Originally, I felt lost as to my plans this summer. I am overwhelmed with gratitude for God’s guidance and my summer in Boston.

“I just transferred to the University of Illinois from Ohio State University and through leaning on God and a lot of prayer, the transition has been incredibly smooth, and I am definitely in my right place. This unfoldment was a true demonstration of God working His purpose out. Throughout this process I knew I could not fall out of God’s care and He would not lead me astray. Since transferring, I connected with a branch church near campus and have been attending services regularly, which has been a blessing. I am so grateful for Christian Science and its profound impact on my life.

“Thank you again for your scholarship!”



Educating
Christian Scientists

Colleges and Universities

Our largest program supports students living in the United States and Canada. This year **83% of these students are pursuing an undergraduate degree, and 17% are pursuing a graduate degree.**

- The total number of students funded in 2024 was higher than in prior years.
- Students attended over 170 different colleges and universities in over 40 states.
- 38% of these students received a DiscoveryBound National Leadership Council Graduate Award, ranging from \$4,000 to \$5,000.*

**The external funding to A/U from an anonymous donor for the DiscoveryBound National Leadership Council Graduate Award program has been discontinued.*

263
Students

\$1,460,000
Awarded

\$5,500
Typical
Undergraduate Award

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Africa, Europe, and the Philippines

Over one-third of this year's ABF scholarship recipients are attending a college, university, or vocational school in Africa, Europe, or the Philippines. Most of these students are pursuing an associate's or bachelor's degree. Scholarships are available to students living in:

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- England
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Nigeria
- Northern Ireland
- Philippines
- Republic of the Congo
- Rwanda
- Scotland
- Switzerland
- Togo
- Uganda
- Wales
- Zambia

191
Students

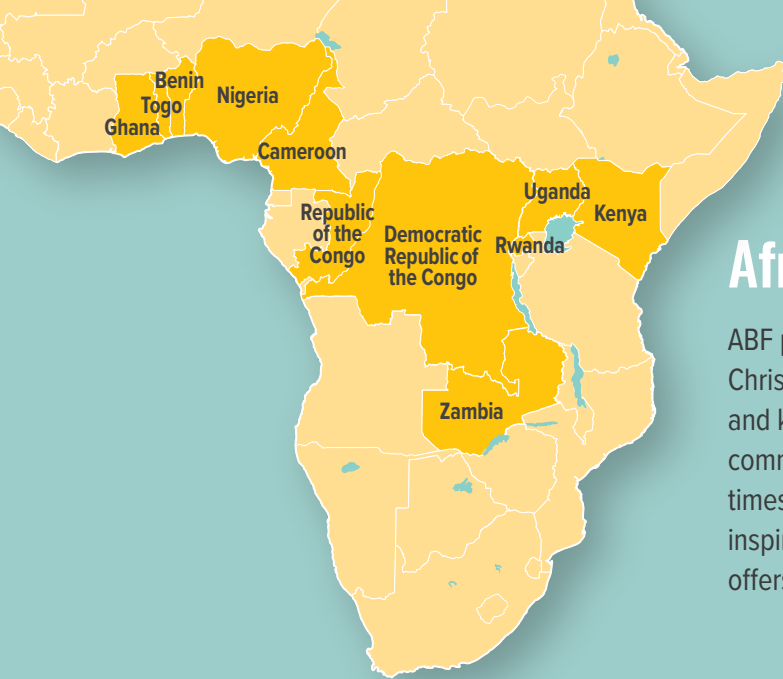
\$175,000
Awarded

\$920
Average Award

“As I embark on the final year of my Master of Arts in economics program at Mount Kenya University, I am filled with profound gratitude for your unwavering support and encouragement. Your generosity has been a guiding light, enabling me to pursue this transformative journey with confidence, determination, and hope.

“Thank you for believing in me and for making this journey possible. Your support has been a testament to the boundless possibilities that arise from faith, love, and an unwavering commitment to humanity. I am committed to honoring this gift by dedicating myself to my studies and striving to contribute positively to society, grounded in the spiritual truths that inspire and sustain us.

“With deepest gratitude and appreciation,”
Otieno Benjamin Malala
Kenya



Africa

ABF provides life-changing scholarships to Christian Scientists who use their education and knowledge to bless themselves, their communities, their churches, and, sometimes, even their country. Their stories are inspiring and clearly illuminate why ABF offers these scholarship programs.

Innocent Besigye

ABF Scholarship Recipient Kampala, Uganda

Born and raised in Uganda, Innocent is a graduate of information systems from Makerere University and cybersecurity with digital forensics from Utamu University and is now pursuing a master's degree in cybersecurity from Utamu University.

“Along the way, this has been possible because of The Albert Baker Fund. ABF has sponsored much of my education, including my current master's degree. Having gotten this blessing has made me who I am...I have been part of Christian Science from the start and it has been such a journey of spiritual awakening. I am happy it's part of my life and it changed me forever. My future is bright and I dream of supporting my Christian Science community. I am so grateful to the ABF for being a father to me.”



Educating
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Training Christian Science Nurses Worldwide

ABF provides tuition scholarships to Christian Science nurses who are enrolled in an education program offered by an accredited Christian Science nursing facility. Our scholarships are available for the classroom portion of the training.

90
Christian Science
Nurses

\$145,000
Awarded

\$1,610
Average Award



Amy Nicol Martinez

Boston, Massachusetts
Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association
Christian Science Nurse

“Christian Science has impacted my life so much. I have a better understanding of man and God thanks to the study of the Pastor. It is such a blessing for me to recognize man as spiritual and to comprehend and demonstrate that Mind governs and overcomes sin, sickness, and death. I chose to become a Christian Science nurse because I love to support metaphysically and practically people who rely on Christian Science for healing, by expressing Christlike qualities, by loving my neighbor and to see them as they truly are. I am grateful for the support you all give to this ministry. Thank you!”

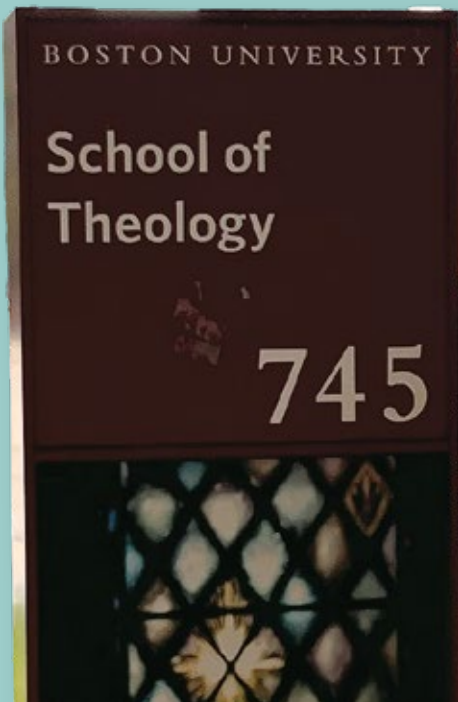


Luke McCutcheon

**Boston, Massachusetts
Christian Science U.S.
Military Chaplain Program**

“The inspiration to join the Chaplain Program came very strongly to me earlier this spring after returning from a trip to Israel and Jordan. The week I returned, I asked God to show me if chaplaincy was really the right path for me to pursue. I opened the Bible to Acts 2, the story of the disciples on the Day of Pentecost. The concept of sharing the Word and everyone around them sharing that in their own native language sounded a lot like chaplaincy to me and I knew that this inspiration was divine.

“The instances of spiritual inspiration throughout this process have made it feel very clear that it’s the right path for me.”



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Christian Science Chaplains in the U.S. Military

ABF supports graduate-level education for Christian Science military chaplains who serve as commissioned officers and minister to the spiritual health and needs of service members.



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Program Awards

100% of Your Contributions
Directly Support Students

\$1,780,000

2024 Scholarships

Thanks to the generosity of our many supporters for investing in the education of Christian Science students.

Scholarships

U.S. and Canada Colleges and Universities

\$1,460,000

Africa, Europe, and the Philippines

\$175,000

Christian Science Nurses Training

\$145,000

Working Together

The First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Massachusetts

The Christian Science Monitor
The Mary Baker Eddy Library
Branch Churches and Societies

Christian Science Mission-Based Organizations

Adventure Unlimited
Asher Student Foundation
Association of the Organizations for Christian Science Nursing
CherishAbility
Christian Science Nursing Network
Daycroft School Foundation
DiscoveryBound Foundation
Isabel Foundation
Longyear Museum
Philanthropy Forum
The Principia
The Principle Foundation
Sunnyside Foundation
Twelveacres

Christian Science Youth Camps

Adventure Unlimited Ranches, Colorado
Camp Bow-Isle, British Columbia
CedarS Camps, Missouri
Crystal Lake Camps, Pennsylvania
Camps Leelanau & Kohahna, Michigan
Camps Newfound & Owatonna, Maine

Christian Science Nurses Education

Arden Wood
Broadview
Chestnut Hill Benevolent Association
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Peace Haven
Sunrise Haven
Tenacre
Upward Wing
Wide Horizon
Le Verger

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