

## **Collegiate Congregational Internship**

The most common questions asked by churches applying to host a summer college intern is “How much will it cost?” Here are some guidelines to providing the student’s housing and living expenses and reimbursing for church-related expenses:

- Churches are expected to provide housing for the student. Most interns stayed with church members, or if they were from the church, they stayed at home. That resulted in little to no cost for the church.
- Churches are encouraged to ask members to take the student out to eat at least once a week. The primary reason is for community, allowing the student the opportunity to meet people from the church.
- Concerning living expenses, it is recommended that the church provide \$50 per week for food (in addition to the stipend the student receives from CBF). The church can budget that amount, or the church might get 20 church members to give \$25.
- The church is expected to cover the cost of any church-related event that the intern is expected to attend (i.e. camp, bowling, amusement parks, meals, etc.).
- The student should be compensated for any church-related travel (not back and forth to work, but anything that happens after they are at the church should be under the same guidelines as the pastor). Examples of ministry expenses include camp fees, church-related travel, etc.
- Provide at least a \$600 stipend to the student for the summer. Several churches chose to provide above the minimum stipend, but some did not. Several churches took a love offering at the end of the summer for the student.