

THE CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The Program

The Mission Endowment Fund (The Fund) of Christ Lutheran Church may annually award scholarships to eligible candidates using up to 40% of the Fund's annual disbursement. According to the bylaws of the congregation which govern the Fund, these scholarships are "for persons who show potential to develop as leaders of Christ's church, giving priority to members of the congregation. Priority will also be given to programs and places of study in the following order: 1) Seminary or professional training for rostered leaders or those pursuing rostered status; 2) Undergraduate or graduate studies that will lead to church vocations; 3) Undergraduate studies at a college of the ELCA; 4) Members who demonstrate leadership potential who are pursuing a degree."

Eligibility

Eligible candidates for scholarship awards from the fund should meet the following criteria:

- a. Candidates must be an active, worshipping member of a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) or its partners in full communion. Priority will be given to members of Christ Lutheran Church.
- b. Candidates must be enrolled or accepted at an accredited learning institution.
- c. Candidates who will be beginning undergraduate work must have a cumulative grade point average from high school of at least 3.25; candidates who have completed at least one term of undergraduate studies at their current institution must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0; candidates who are beginning undergraduate studies and have been out of high school for more than five years may supply copies of job performance evaluations in lieu of grade point average; candidates entering graduate studies must have a grade point from their undergraduate institution of at least 3.0. The above grade point averages are based on a 4.0 grading system. Scholastic achievement will be given strong consideration. The stated grade point averages are intended to be benchmarks that will be used in determining overall eligibility.
- d. Candidates must submit a completed scholarship application form provided by Christ Lutheran Church, along with all requested documentation. Applications must be received by the deadline established annually for the upcoming academic year.

Awards

Recipients of the scholarship will be notified by the Fund Committee. Scholarship awards will be sent to the financial aid office of the institution to which the recipient is enrolled.

Selection of the Recipients

Applications will be evaluated on the basis of: 1) demonstrated leadership potential; 2) active faith life; 3) academic achievement; 4) economic need. The Fund Committee will recommend recipients to the Congregation Council for approval. The Fund Committee will not discriminate in the selection of recipients based on race, sex, age, national origin, disability, ethnicity or veteran's status.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Instructions

Please read the instructions carefully and provide all requested information on the form or in attachments. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please type or print your answers legibly, using black or blue ink. Illegible applications will be considered incomplete.

Submit the completed form with all attachments. Applications received in the office of Christ Lutheran Church after the deadline published by the Fund Committee will not be considered.

Applicant Information

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail address _____

Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Social Security Number _____

Educational Institution/Training Program

I am currently enrolled or will be enrolled next fall at the following educational institution:

Institution _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Registrar Telephone Number _____

Financial Aid Telephone Number _____

Current Cumulative GPA _____

(Attach copy of your most recent transcript with cumulative GPA)

Field of Study/Major _____

Degree Program _____

In the coming school year I will be enrolled in:

Undergraduate Study (circle year below)

1st year

2nd Year

3rd year

4th year

Graduate Study (circle year below)

1st year 2nd Year 3rd year 4th year

Other _____

Financial Information

Cost of Attendance: \$ _____

Tuition & Fees \$ _____

Room & Board \$ _____

Books \$ _____

Other (describe) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Expected Family Contribution* \$ _____

Total Educational Grants \$ _____

Total Educational Scholarships \$ _____

Total Work Study \$ _____

Employer Assistance \$ _____

Other Financial Resources \$ _____

Please note any unusual financial circumstances that you feel might be relevant to consideration of this application

*(This number is determined by the current FAFSA Student Aid Report. You must include a copy of this form with your application)

Financial Aid Office Information

If I am awarded a scholarship, please send the check for the amount awarded with the following information:

My Student ID Number _____

Institution _____

To the Attention (name and/or department) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Essay

Submit a 1,000 – 1,500 word essay that reflects upon how your studies and future plans will prepare you to be a faithful witness to Christ and an engaged leader of Christ’s Church in the world. This should include how you have experienced a sense of call to your anticipated vocation and how you have and will continue to lead and participate in the life of the Church.

Letters of Recommendation

Please attach three letters of recommendation including one from your pastor and one from a faculty member or teacher who can speak to your academic achievement.

Signature

I certify that the information included in this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that all materials, once submitted, become the property of the Mission Endowment Fund Committee of Christ Lutheran Church. I grant permission for the Fund Committee to contact officials at my academic institution and my references for purposes of verification. The Fund Committee may share this application and other pertinent information with the Congregation Council of Christ Lutheran Church. I understand that the decision of the Fund Committee is final.

Signature _____

Date _____