

THE IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH MINNEAPOLIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Program

The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarship Awards were established to provide scholarship awards to eligible candidates pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. The scholarship program is made possible through a permanently endowed, charitable fund at the Lutheran Community Foundation, established by the former congregation of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis. Founded in 1888, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church maintained a strong commitment to education. A school affiliated with the church was founded in the same year to provide English language and religious instruction to immigrant families. The school remained a part of the Church's mission for nearly 100 years. At the time of the Church's closing, the congregation established this Fund to provide benefit to Lutheran students who are members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).

The Lutheran Community Foundation is a faith-based public charity that exists to provide a connection between donors and the community. Gifts from the Lutheran and non-Lutheran donors provide grants nationwide, representing a shared vision to achieve change throughout our community. The mission of the Foundation is to serve our donors with integrity, as together we change lives and spread joy by sharing our blessings with the world. The Foundation is located in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Eligibility

Eligible candidates for the scholarship should meet the following criteria:

- 1) Candidates must be members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the LCMS;
- 2) Candidates must be in their third or fourth year of study at an undergraduate college or university of the LCMS, or enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program at an LCMS college, university or seminary. Candidates must be enrolled on a full-time basis, based upon the respective institution's definition of "full-time" status. Students are not eligible to apply during their vicarage year;
- 3) Candidates must be pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry;
- 4) Candidates must demonstrate financial need and submit a copy of their FAFSA Student Aid Report;
- 5) Candidates must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 grading system, and candidates must include with the application a college transcript or other official college documentation verifying enrollment and GPA;
- 6) Candidates must submit an essay that discusses opportunities and challenges that face inner-city congregations and their communities, including their recommendations for how these opportunities and challenges could be addressed, assuming their own objectives for a career

in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. The essay should be between 1000-2000 words in length;

- 7) Candidates must submit two letters of recommendation—one authored by the candidate's pastor and one authored by a faculty member.

Applicants and past recipients may reapply for these scholarships on an annual basis.

Scholarship Awards

Three scholarship awards will be awarded annually. Recipients of these scholarship awards will be notified by the Foundation, and scholarship awards will be sent from the Foundation to the educational institution where the recipient is enrolled.

The amount of scholarship awards may vary each year. It is intended that these scholarship awards will provide financial assistance that is not otherwise covered by available resources or other financial aid to the applicant. Funds may be used to defray educational expenses including tuition, books, laboratory expenses, and/or other related educational expenditures as approved by the Foundation.

Selection of Recipients

Scholarship recipients will be determined by a Scholarship Committee, based on the above criteria. The Committee will not discriminate in the selection of recipients based on race, sex, age, national origin, disability, ethnicity or veteran's status.

Application Process and Deadline

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an application. Applications are also available for download at the Foundation's website, <http://www.TheLCF.org/Grantseekers/Scholarship.asp>. The application and required attachments must be postmarked **no later than June 1, 2010**, and sent to:

The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarship
c/o Lutheran Community Foundation
625 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 1500
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Questions?

Additional questions about this scholarship program may be directed to Rebecca Westermeyer, Senior Associate, Donor Services, at the Lutheran Community Foundation at 1-800-365-4172 or by e-mail at rebecca.westermeyer@thelcf.org.

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Instructions

Please read the instructions carefully for each section below, and provide the required information or attachments. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please type or print your answers legibly, using black or blue ink. For sections that require long responses, you may simply state "See Attachment A," etc. Then, type or print your response on a separate sheet. Be sure to label it appropriately.

You may wish to keep a copy of the completed application for your records.

Deadline

The deadline for submitting this application and required attachments is **June 1, 2010**. Applications must be sent by mail and postmarked no later than this date.

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

Social Security Number _____

I am currently a member of the following LCMS Congregation within the Minnesota South District of the LCMS:

Congregation _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Name of Pastor _____

Educational Institution

I am currently enrolled as a full-time student at the following LCMS college or university, or I am currently enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program at the following LCMS college, university or seminary:

Name _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Academic Dean _____

As of September, 2010, please indicate your year of study:

___ 3rd Year Undergraduate

___ 4th Year Undergraduate

___ Post-Baccalaureate

___ Other

Current GPA _____

(Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript with your cumulative GPA. An unofficial transcript is acceptable.)

What is the area of study or degree you are pursuing?

What are your career objectives in professional ministry or professional lay ministry?

Financial Information

Cost of Attendance (including tuition, fees, room & board, books, etc.):

Tuition and Fees \$ _____

Room and Board \$ _____

Books \$ _____

Other(Please describe.) \$ _____

Expected Family Contribution \$ _____

(This number is determined by the 2010-2011 FAFSA Student Aid Report. You must include a copy of this report with your application.)

Total Educational Grants \$ _____

Total Educational Scholarships \$ _____

Total Work Study \$ _____

Employer Assistance \$ _____

Other Financial Resources \$ _____

If you and your family have unusual circumstances, please explain them below. Examples: a family member who recently became unemployed; unusual medical expenses not covered by insurance, other circumstances that affect income.

Please submit a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (not the FAFSA Application).

Essay

There are many opportunities and challenges that face inner-city congregations and their communities. Please submit with your application an essay that outlines your understanding of some of these opportunities and challenges. Assuming your objectives for a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry, also include your recommendations for how you might address these opportunities and challenges within an inner-city congregation. The essay should be between 1000-2000 words in length.

Letters of Recommendation

Please attach two letters of recommendation, including one from your pastor, and one from a faculty member at your educational institution.

Signature

I certify that the information included in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. As an applicant for a scholarship award from the Lutheran Community Foundation, I hereby consent to the Foundation disclosing all of my application materials to the committee responsible for the selection of the scholarship recipient. It is my understanding that the members of the selection committee will further disseminate such materials only if, and to the extent, necessary to consider my application.

If I am selected to be a recipient of a scholarship award from the Foundation, I hereby consent to the Foundation disclosing my name as a scholarship recipient to the original donor and/or to the general public via correspondence, press releases, Foundation publications, or other similar means of announcement and acknowledgment.

My consent is indicated by my signature below.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Please mail this application and all attachments to:
The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarship
c/o Lutheran Community Foundation
625 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 1500
Minneapolis, MN 55415