

THE SILVERDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Program

The Silverdale Lutheran Church Scholarship was established to provide two educational scholarship awards annually to eligible candidates of Silverdale Lutheran Church. One scholarship, in the amount of \$4000, is available for a recipient attending a four-year college or university and one scholarship, in the amount of \$2000, is available for a recipient attending a two-year community college or vocational/technical school. Each scholarship will be paid in increments of \$1000 each year to the institution where the student attends. The scholarship program is made possible through a permanently endowed, charitable fund at the Lutheran Community Foundation, made possible by the generosity of Merrill and Elizabeth Koster of Silverdale Lutheran Church.

The Lutheran Community Foundation is a faith-based public charity that exists to provide a connection between donors and the community. Gifts from 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 changes 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 Silverdale Lutheran Church;
- 2) Candidates must submit an essay of 250 words or less, explaining why they should receive consideration for this scholarship, highlighting their involvement in the church and educational or vocational goals;
- 3) Candidates must submit two letters of recommendation;
- 4) Recipients of the scholarship must remain in good academic standing at the institution where they attend, and it is the responsibility of the recipients to provide such evidence from the institution to the Lutheran Community Foundation. The Lutheran Community Foundation will follow up with renewable scholarship recipients in June;
- 5) These scholarships are not extended to graduate level studies or beyond a four-year or two-year length of time to complete a course of study;
- 6) If an applicant is not selected in any given year, they may reapply in subsequent years.

Scholarship Awards

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.

It is intended that these scholarship awards will provide financial assistance for a recipient's educational expenses 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 the Foundation, based on the above eligibility criteria. The Foundation 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 April 15, 2010**, and sent to:

The Silverdale Lutheran Church 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 **April 15, 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 Silverdale Lutheran Church in Silverdale, Washington.

Educational Institution

I am currently enrolled or will be enrolled next fall as a full-time student at the following educational institution:

Name _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Academic Dean _____

Current, cumulative GPA _____

(Please attach a copy of your most recent transcript with your cumulative GPA.)

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

What is the intended term of your study? _____ 2-year _____ 4-year

Financial Information

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.)

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) and label this as "Attachment A."

Essay

Please submit with your application an essay that explains why you should receive consideration for this scholarship. Please highlight your involvement with the church and describe your educational or vocational goals. The essay should be no more than 250 words in length. Please label this as "Attachment B."

Letters of Recommendation

Please attach two letters of recommendation.

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

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