

THE ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Program

The St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Program was founded by the congregation of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. St. Paul Lutheran Church, prior to its closing, established this special scholarship program to benefit Lutheran students in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, in perpetuity.

The scholarship program is administered by the Lutheran Community Foundation, based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Lutheran Community Foundation is an affiliation-based community foundation that operates nationally. 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.

Eligibility

Eligible candidates will be graduating seniors of a high school, or a high school graduate equivalent, located in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Candidates must be members of a Lutheran church, and eligible candidates also include those individuals who were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, at the time of its closing. Candidates must be attending, or plan to attend in the 2010-2011 academic year, an institution of higher education (academic, technical, or vocational). Eligible candidates must also have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and demonstrate involvement in church and community. Candidates may reapply in successive years for scholarships available from this program.

In addition to completing this application, all candidates must submit two letters of recommendation along with their application: One letter must be written by a pastor, and one letter must be written by a lay leader, from the church where the candidate attends. These letters should include details of the candidate's involvement in church activities, and the suitability of the candidate. Letters of recommendation must be submitted with the application in a sealed envelope, with the sender's signature written across the seal. Candidates will be asked to waive their right to view the letters of recommendation. Incomplete applications will not be considered. This is a competitive process. Not all applicants will receive a scholarship.

Scholarship Awards

Scholarships awarded in 2010 will be available only for the 2010-2011 academic year. Scholarship awards may be used only for educational expenses, including tuition, books, laboratory expenses, or other education-related expenditures that are approved by the Foundation.

Selection of Recipients

The number of scholarships awarded, the amount of the scholarship awards, and the selection of scholarship recipients will be determined by the Foundation.

Application Process and Deadline

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an application and required letters of recommendation and submit materials **postmarked no later than April 15, 2010**, to:

St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship
Lutheran Community Foundation
625 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 1500
Minneapolis, MN 55415

The scholarship application may also be downloaded from the Foundation's website at www.TheLCF.org/Grantseekers/Scholarship.asp.

Questions?

Additional questions about this scholarship program may be directed to Rebecca Westermeyer at the Lutheran Community Foundation at 1-800-365-4172 or via email at rebecca.westermeyer@TheLCF.org.

THE ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

Instructions

Please read the instructions carefully for each section below, and provide the required information or attachments. Incomplete applications will not be considered. You may wish to keep a copy of the completed application for your records.

Deadline

Applications must be sent by mail and **postmarked no later than April 15, 2010.**

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address (if available) _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____ **SSN:** _____

I am a member of the following Lutheran Church:

Church _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Name of Pastor _____

High School Information

I am/was a student at the following high school in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania:

High School _____

Address _____

Application – Page 2

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Year Graduated _____

Cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____

Please note: If GPA on transcript is not on a 4.0 scale, a signature from a guidance counselor must be included, verifying converted GPA.

Guidance Counselor Signature _____ Phone number: _____

If you did not graduate from a high school, but have received a high school graduate equivalent, please indicate the details below:

If you are not currently enrolled, which college, university or vocational/technical school are you planning to attend for the 2010-2011 school year?

Name _____

City/State/Zip _____

On what date do you intend to be enrolled? _____

Current Enrollment

I am currently enrolled as a student at the following academic, technical or vocational school:

Name _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Academic Dean _____

Year ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

Current GPA (on a 4.0 scale) _____

High School or College Transcript

Please attach a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript.

Additional Question

Please list your academic, co-curricular, community service, church-related, or other activities in which you have engaged during your high school and/or undergraduate school years. If you have been out of school for more than 5 years, please include current church and community involvement. Please attach a separate sheet, labeled "Attachment A".

Letters of Recommendation

Please include two letters of recommendation, including one written by a pastor, and one written by a lay leader, from the Lutheran church of which you are a member. Letters of recommendation must be submitted in a sealed envelope, with the sender's signature written across the seal.

Signature

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree that if I am awarded a scholarship from this program, I will utilize these scholarship funds only for tuition, room and board, books, laboratory expenses, and/or other educational related expenses as approved by the Lutheran Community Foundation. I also waive my right to view letters of recommendation submitted with this application. I also give the Foundation permission to have the information submitted in this application to be reviewed by the Foundation and/or a scholarship committee of the Foundation, and give permission to the Foundation to publicly acknowledge me as a scholarship recipient, should a scholarship be awarded to me.

Signature of Applicant

Date