

THE TULARE COUNTY LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR UNDERGRADUATES

The Scholarship Program

The Tulare County Lutheran Scholarship Program for Undergraduates was established to benefit Lutheran students who are residents of Tulare County, California. The scholarship program is made possible through a permanently endowed fund at the Lutheran Community Foundation, established by an anonymous donor. Through these scholarship awards, the donor wishes to endorse the optimism and success of today's youth, and intends these scholarships to provide educational opportunities to outstanding individuals who have demonstrated their abilities and their desire to explore the unlimited possibilities available to them. The donor also shares a belief in the faith and values inherent in and promoted by colleges and universities affiliated with the Lutheran Church. It is the donor's hope that recipients of this award similarly recognize such value, and that they, too, may one day be in a position to identify other students in need of educational scholarship assistance, also "passing it along" without carrying it as a debt to be repaid.

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

The scholarship program is open to high school graduating seniors, current undergraduate students, and previous scholarship recipients as outlined below:

High School Seniors. Any high school senior who plans to attend a Lutheran college or university may apply for the scholarship. Students must have a permanent residence in Tulare County and be a member of a Lutheran congregation.

Lutheran College or University Undergraduate Students. A current undergraduate student may apply if the student is enrolled, or plans to be enrolled, on a full-time basis at a Lutheran college or university. Applicants must have a permanent residence in Tulare County and be a member of a Lutheran congregation.

Previous Scholarship Recipients. Students who have previously received this award may re-apply for this scholarship on an annual basis, if the student is enrolled, or plans to be enrolled, on a full-time basis at a Lutheran college or university. Applicants must have a permanent residence in Tulare County and be a member of a Lutheran congregation.

All applicants to this scholarship program must have graduated from high school in good academic standing, and must maintain good academic standing in their undergraduate studies in order to continue receiving the scholarship.

Scholarship Awards

Recipients of these scholarship awards will be notified by the Lutheran Community Foundation. Scholarship awards are sent directly by the Foundation to the educational institution where the recipient will attend.

The amount of scholarship awards will vary, based upon information provided in the application. 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 expenses for tuition, room and board, books, laboratory expenses, and/or other related educational expenditures.

Selection of Recipients

Scholarship recipients will be determined by a Scholarship Committee of the Foundation. The Committee members understand the value and importance of higher learning in today's society. 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. The application and required attachments must be postmarked **no later than May 15, 2010** and sent to:

Tulare County Lutheran Undergraduate Scholarship Program
c/o Rebecca Westermeyer
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 May 15, 2010. Applications must be postmarked no later than this date.

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Fax Number (if available) _____

E-mail Address (if available) _____

Date of Birth (month/day/year) _____

I am currently a member of the following Lutheran Church:

Church _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Name of Pastor _____

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High School Seniors

I am currently eligible to graduate from the following high school this spring:

High School _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____

Name of Guidance Counselor _____

Cumulative GPA _____

What is your intended area of study or degree you wish to pursue? If undecided, please state as such.

I plan to enroll as a full-time student at the following Lutheran college or university: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Lutheran College or University Graduates

I am currently enrolled as a full-time student at the following Lutheran college or university:

College or University _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Name of Academic Dean _____

Year ___ Freshman ___ Sophomore ___ Junior ___ Senior

Current GPA _____

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Lutheran College or University Graduates, cont.

What is the area of study or degree you are pursuing? If undecided, please state as such.

If you are not currently enrolled, what is the date you intend to begin?

Additional Questions

- 1) Please list your academic, co-curricular, athletic, community service, church-related, or other activities in which you have engaged during your high school and/or college career. Please include any special accomplishments or awards you have received. You may simply list these, if you wish. If you wish to attach a separate sheet, please label it as “Attachment A.”
- 2) In a brief essay of approximately 1200 words, please outline your personal and/or educational goals, including career, travel, family, recreation or hobbies, advanced education, etc. Please take time to seriously consider these goals and dreams that you have for your life. If you wish to attach a separate sheet, please label it as “Attachment B.”

High School or College Transcript

Please attach a copy of your most recent high school or college transcript, showing a cumulative grade point average (GPA), and label it as “Attachment C.”

Letters of Recommendation

Please attach two letters of recommendation, including one from your pastor, and one from a high school teacher or a college professor, and label these as “Attachment D.”

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Financial Information

Social Security Number _____

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) and label this as "Attachment E."

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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 attachments to:
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