

THE TULARE COUNTY LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

The Scholarship Program

The Tulare County Lutheran Scholarship Program for Graduate and Professional Education 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 students who are currently enrolled or seeking enrollment at an accredited graduate or professional school. Applicants must be a current or former resident in Tulare County, California. Applicants must also have received an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university. Preference for these scholarship awards shall be given to past recipients of *The Tulare County Lutheran Scholarship Program for Undergraduates*.

All applicants to this scholarship program must demonstrate at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA in their undergraduate studies, and must maintain a 3.0 GPA in a graduate or professional program in order to receive the scholarship award.

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, fees, 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, 2008**, and sent to:

Tulare County Scholarship Program for Graduate & Professional Education
c/o Susan Carter
Lutheran Community Foundation
625 Fourth Avenue South, Suite 1500
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Questions?

Additional questions about this scholarship program may be directed to Susan Carter, Senior Associate of Foundation Initiatives, at the Lutheran Community Foundation at 1-800-365-4172 or by e-mail at susan.carter@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, 2008. 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) _____

Applicants to this scholarship program must claim current or former residency in Tulare County, California. If you claim former residency, please indicate the months and years you claimed such residency:

___ I am a current resident in Tulare County.

___ I am a former resident of Tulare County, between the dates of _____
and _____ (Month/Year). My address was as follows:

Street _____

City _____

Zip Code _____

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Undergraduate Education

I am a graduate of the following accredited undergraduate institution:

Institution Name _____

City/State/Zip _____

Course of Study & Degree Received _____

Cumulative GPA _____

_____ I have been a past recipient of *The Tulare County Lutheran Scholarship for Undergraduates*. Year(s) awarded: _____

Graduate or Professional School Information

I am currently enrolled, or plan to enroll this year in the following graduate or professional institution:

Institution Name _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Area of Study & Degree Pursuing _____

Anticipated Date of Completion _____

Cumulative GPA (if currently enrolled) _____

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Additional Questions

- 1) Please list your academic, co-curricular, athletic, community service, church-related, or other activities in which you have engaged during your undergraduate and graduate/professional school years. 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. Also explain why you are seeking an advanced degree, and how this degree will impact your own life, as well as the lives of others. 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."

Undergraduate or Graduate/Professional School Transcript

Please attach a copy of your most recent undergraduate or graduate/professional school 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 college or graduate/professional school professor or advisor, 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 2008-2009 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

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