



**Church Workers Study Grants
For 2024-2025 School Year**

GRANT PURPOSE	To encourage men and women in the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, English and SELC District congregations of the LCMS located in Missouri to become professional church workers by providing financial assistance for their education.
FUND	Money for these grants comes from the collection of mites in the LWML Missouri District and are part of the Mission Goal for the biennium.
ADMINISTERING BODY	Church Workers Study Grants shall be administered by the Church Workers Study Grants Committee of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District.
APPLICANTS	Men and women who are members of a congregation located in the Missouri District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, English and SELC District Congregations of the LCMS located in Missouri (12 months prior to filing an application) that are preparing for full-time professional work in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod may apply. students must be enrolled in a university or Seminary of the Church-Missouri Synod full-time or as a colloquy student currently teaching in a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod school working toward rostered status.
APPLICATIONS	Application shall be made on forms provided by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District (page 3 through 5). <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2024, to be considered for the 2024-2025 school year. Recommend using US Postal Flat Rate Service• Please note the 8 items to be completed on page 2 of this packet.• Mail to: LWML Study Grants Chairman: Dawn Neil, 19509 State Hwy B, Canton MO 63435• <u>A new application is required each year the applicants is eligible for a grant.</u>
BASIS OF DECISION	The administering committee shall select study grant recipients on the basis of financial need, the information supplied on the application, and information obtained from the Office of Admissions of the University or Seminary the student will attend. All applicants, whether receiving a grant or not, will be notified by mail by the last week of June as to the decision of the committee.
AMOUNT	Grants will be paid directly to the college/seminary of the recipient. Payments will be made in installments directly to the school only after an acknowledgment has been received from the recipient by the Study Grants Committee, postmarked no later than July 1, 2024.
WITHDRAWALS	Study grants recipients who withdraw from preparing for full-time church work in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod shall notify the administering committee of such action; students withdrawing in mid-term will not be eligible to receive the remaining portion of the grant.

**REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING CHURCH WORKERS STUDY GRANTS
For 2024-2025 School Year**

Applications must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2024. Applications for a Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, Missouri District Church Workers Study Grants shall be made only on forms provided by the committee which are available from the local church office, the Financial Aid Office of Lutheran Universities or Seminaries, LWML Society Presidents, the Study Grants Chairman, or at www.missourilwml.org. It is the responsibility of the applicant to be sure that applications downloaded from the web page are correctly printed according to page breaks and margins. A new application is required each year.

A complete application will include:

1. **Submit pages 3 through 5 of the LWML application in original format.** It must be complete, neat, and legible. The appearance of the application will be considered.
2. **Supply all financial information** required on application.
3. **A Statement of Intent** (page 5 of the application) is required and **must be signed** by the student and parent; or the married student and spouse.
4. **A copy of last semester/quarter transcript** (You can send unofficial copy from Registrar’s office.) **Exception: Second career seminary students who have not been in school for the last 5 years, need not provide grades.**
5. **SIGNED Essay** Scripture says, “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). The applicant will submit a **signed essay** between 300 – 500 words answering the question: **“How will you use your chosen vocation to keep Christ relevant in today’s world?”**
6. **A recent wallet sized (head shot) photo of the applicant only** (Photos of recipients are filed in a scrapbook, used at the convention display and may be published in a brochure.)
7. **One letter of reference** from a mature, responsible person other than the applicant’s pastor, a relative, or a school official. **State in what capacity the writer knows the applicant.** (A different personal reference is due each year you apply.)
8. **A letter from the applicant’s pastor** affirming church membership and recommendation for a study grant. This letter may be enclosed in a sealed envelope and included with the application. **(If the pastor is the applicant’s parent, please ask another pastor or elder of your church to provide the letter.)**

Applications postmarked after April 15, 2024, or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Submitting Application

All items must be placed in a large mailing envelope. Only the pastor’s letter is to remain in a sealed envelope. All other papers shall be flat. **Follow instructions to make sure the application is complete.**

Submit the above items along with the completed application postmarked on or before April 15, 2024, to:

**LWML Church Worker’s Study Grants Chairman,
Dawn Neil
19509 State Hwy B
Canton MO 63435**

(573-248-9162) Dawn’s cell phone number

Receipt of your application will be acknowledged via email.

All applications and any unused portion of the study grant money become the property of the Lutheran Women’s Missionary League, Missouri District.



Church Workers Study Grants Application

For 2024-2025 School Year

(Postmarked on or before April 15, 2024)

PERSONAL DATA

Applicant's Name _____ Today's Date _____

Home Address _____

Street City State Zip

Cell Phone (____) _____ Email Address _____ @ _____

Date of Birth _____ Married Yes ___ No ___ Name of Spouse _____

Number of dependent children _____ Is Spouse a Student Yes ___ No ___ Full ___ Part time _____

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Home Church _____ Phone (____) _____

Church Address _____

Street City State Zip

Pastor's Name _____

Are you a member of a Missouri District LCMS Congregation? ___ Yes ___ No # Years _____

Are you a member of an English or SELC LCMS Congregation located in Missouri? ___ Yes ___ No #Years _____

What Missouri District LWML Zone is your home church in? _____

List your favorite church activities: _____

EDUCATION

After graduation, do you intend to go into **full time church work** for the LCMS? Yes ___ No ___ Don't Know _____

What vocation or profession are you seeking? _____

What Seminary or University will you be attending this next school year?

Name of Seminary or University City State

What class level will you be enrolled in for the 2022-2023 school year? Full Time _____ Part Time _____

University: Freshman _____ Sophomore ___ Junior _____ Senior _____ 5th year Senior _____

Seminary: 1st Year _____ 2nd Year _____ 3rd Year/Vicarage _____ 4th Year _____ Colloquy _____

Classes completed: on campus _____ online _____ online and on campus _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION Section A

Complete section A if your parents are filing a FAFSA for you or claim you as a dependent or provide financial assistance to you. All other applicants go to section B.

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____ Gross Income \$ _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____ Gross Income \$ _____

Housing Allowances or other compensation \$ _____

Applicant's Summer Employment _____ Gross Income \$ _____

Applicant's Academic Year Employment _____ Gross Income \$ _____

Spouse's Employment _____ Occupation _____ Gross Income \$ _____

TOTAL GROSS INCOME \$ _____

Total number of persons in the family dependent on total gross income _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION Section B

Complete section B if you are financially independent from parents.

Applicant's Summer Employment _____ Gross Income \$ _____

Applicant's Academic Year Employment _____ Gross Income \$ _____

Spouse's Employment _____ Occupation _____ Gross Income \$ _____

TOTAL GROSS INCOME \$ _____

Total number of persons in the family dependent on total gross income _____

ESTIMATED EDUCATION ASSISTANCE FROM

Parents _____ \$ _____

Home Congregation _____ \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____

Other _____ \$ _____

Other scholarships or grants **applied for** and/or **received** for the **2024-2025** academic year:

Source _____ \$ _____

Source _____ \$ _____

Source _____ \$ _____

Source _____ \$ _____

TOTAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE \$ _____

ESTIMATED COST FOR 2024-2025 EDUCATION FOR APPLICANT

Tuition \$ _____

Room/Board \$ _____

Fees \$ _____

TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES: \$ _____

OTHER EXPENSES:

Books/School Supplies \$ _____

Travel \$ _____

Medical \$ _____

Other expenses related to Educational Major:

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES: \$ _____

TOTAL EDUCATION & OTHER EXPENSES: \$ _____

STATEMENT OF INTENT

I do intend to serve in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod as a full-time church worker for at least one year. If I do not fulfill this agreement, or if I do not complete my studies, I will make every effort to repay the grant money to the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District, within a reasonable length of time.

Signatures REQUIRED:

_____ Date _____
Student's Signature

_____ Date _____
Unmarried Student's Parent's Signature

_____ Date _____
Married Student's Spouse's Signature