

THE IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH MINNEAPOLIS SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Program

The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarship Awards were established to provide scholarship awards to eligible candidates pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. The scholarship program is made possible through a permanently endowed, charitable fund at the Lutheran Community Foundation, established by the former congregation of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis. Founded in 1888, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church maintained a strong commitment to education. A school affiliated with the church was founded in the same year to provide English language and religious instruction to immigrant families. The school remained a part of the Church's mission for nearly 100 years. At the time of the Church's closing, the congregation established this Fund to provide benefit to Lutheran students who are members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).

The Lutheran Community Foundation is a faith-based public charity that exists to provide a connection between donors and the community. Gifts from the 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 change 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 congregations within the Minnesota South District of the LCMS;
- 2) Candidates must be in their third or fourth year of study at an undergraduate college or university of the LCMS, or enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program at an LCMS college, university or seminary. Candidates must be enrolled on a full-time basis, based upon the respective institution's definition of "full-time" status. Students are not eligible to apply during their vicarage year;
- 3) Candidates must be pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry;
- 4) Candidates must demonstrate financial need and submit a copy of their FAFSA Student Aid Report;
- 5) Candidates must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 grading system, and candidates must include with the application a college transcript or other official college documentation verifying enrollment and GPA;
- 6) Candidates must submit an essay that discusses opportunities and challenges that face inner-city congregations and their communities, including their recommendations for how these opportunities and challenges could be addressed, assuming their own objectives for a career

in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. The essay should be between 1000-2000 words in length;

- 7) Candidates must submit two letters of recommendation—one authored by the candidate's pastor and one authored by a faculty member.

Applicants and past recipients may reapply for these scholarships on an annual basis.

Scholarship Awards

Three scholarship awards will be awarded annually. 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.

The amount of scholarship awards may vary each year. 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 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 a Scholarship Committee, based on the above criteria. 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. Applications are also available for download at the Foundation's website, http://www.thelcf.org/scholarship_applications. The application and required attachments must be postmarked **no later than June 1, 2011**, and sent to:

The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis 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.