



**Church Workers Study Grants  
For 2026-2027 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.
FUNDING	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 ordained, commissioned, or professional work in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod may apply. Applicants must be enrolled in a university or Seminary of the Church-Missouri Synod full-time, part-time, or as a colloquy student currently teaching in a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod school working toward rostered status.
APPLICATIONS	<p><b>Please see updates to the application process.</b> Application shall be made on forms provided by the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, Missouri District (pages 4 through 6).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>If mailed:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Completed applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2026 to be considered for the 2026-2027 school year. Recommend using US Postal Flat Rate Service</li><li>○ Please note the 8 items to be completed on page 2 of this packet.</li><li>○ Mail to: LWML Study Grants Chairman: Dawn Neil, 19509 State Highway B, Canton, MO 63435.</li></ul></li><li>• <b>If completed electronically and submitted via email:</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Items may be scanned (including photograph) and emailed to Dawn Neil at <a href="mailto:lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com">lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com</a></li><li>○ Completed applications must be emailed by April 15, 2026, to be considered for the 2026-2027 school year.</li><li>○ Please note the 8 items to be completed on page 2 of this packet.</li></ul></li><li>• <b><u>A new application is required each school year the applicants is eligible for a grant.</u></b></li></ul>
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. <b>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, 2026.</b>



## 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 2026-2027 School Year

**If mailing, applications must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2026, if submitting electronically, all parts of the application must be received on or before April 15, 2026.** 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](http://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 4 through 6 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 6 of the application) is required and **must be signed** (electronic signatures are permissible) 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** (electronic signature is permissible) between 300 – 500 words answering the question: **“In which specific ways do you see yourself making an impact for the Gospel of Jesus Christ in your chosen vocation?”**
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.) It is permissible for the person preparing the letter to email the letter to the CWSG email address or email to [lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com)**



**Applications postmarked or emailed after April 15, 2026, or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

**Submitting Application, mail and electronic:**

**If mailing: 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, 2026, to:

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

**If submitting electronically: All given application instructions apply as provided. All documents and photos should be scanned and included with the application submission. As indicated, electronic signatures are permissible. Application and all relevant documents should be emailed to Dawn Neil at**

[lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com](mailto:lwmlmostudygrant@yahoo.com)

**Dawn Neil, 573.248.9162**

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 LWML, MO District.



**Church Workers Study Grants Application**

**For 2026-2027 School Year**

Postmarked on or before April 15, 2026

**Fields are completed by clicking into a field to type or by selecting an option box.**

**PERSONAL DATA**

Applicant's Name:

Today's Date:

Home Address:

Cell phone:

Email Address:

Date of Birth:

Married: Yes No

Name of spouse:

Number of dependent children:

Is spouse a student: Yes

No

Full time

Part time

**CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

Home Church

Church phone number:

Church address:

Pastor name:

Are you a member of a Missouri District LCMS congregation? Yes

No

Number of years:

Are you a member of a Missouri English or SELC LCMS Congregation? Yes

No

Number of years:

In which MO District LWML Zone is your home church located:

List your favorite church activities:

**EDUCATION**

After graduation, are your intentions to go into **full-time church work** for the LCMS? Yes

No

Uncertain

Is your intent Minister of Religion Ordained? Yes No

Is your intent Minister of Religion Commissioned? Yes No

What vocation/profession are you seeking?

Which Seminary/University will you be attending? Choose an item

I will be attending: Full time Part time

Class level for the 2026-2027 school year? University:

Seminary:

Classes completed: on campus

online

both



**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 complete Section B.**

Father's name: Occupation: Gross income:

Mother's name: Occupation: Gross income:

Housing allowances or other compensation: Enter source and income amount:

**SECTION B**

Applicant's summer employment and gross income:

Applicant's academic year employment and gross income:

Spouse's occupation, employment, and gross income:

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

**TOTAL GROSS INCOME:**

**ESTIMATED EDUCATION ASSISTANCE**

Parents: Amount:

Home Congregation: Amount:

Other: Amount:

Other: Amount:

Other: Amount:

Other scholarships or grants **applied for** and/or **received** for the **2026-2027** academic year:

Source: Amount:

Source: Amount:

Source: Amount:

Source: Amount:

**TOTAL EDUCATION ASSISTANCE:**



**ESTIMATED COST FOR 2026-2027 EDUCATION FOR APPLICANT**

Tuition:

Room/Board:

Fees:

**TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES:**

**OTHER EXPENSES**

Books/School Supplies:

Travel:

Medical:

**Other expenses related to Education major:**

Expense and amount:

Expense and amount:

**TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES:**

**TOTAL EDUCATION & OTHER EXPENSES:**

**STATEMENT OF INTENT**

I 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:**

STUDENT SIGNATURE AND DATE:

UNMARRIED STUDENT PARENT'S SIGNATURE AND DATE:

MARRIED STUDENT SPOUSE'S SIGNATURE AND DATE: