



Messiah Scholarship Program

Messiah offers scholarships for members of the congregation who have been accepted into accredited institutions of higher learning. The undergraduate scholarship program includes accredited non-degree programs and technical training. The seminary scholarship program is for theological students in ELCA seminaries, and will continue until this fund is depleted. Applications are due in the church office by April 1.

Applicants for Messiah scholarships must be active members of this congregation who have attended worship, communed, and made a contribution of record in the past year. Students of all ages may apply for scholarships. Consideration for additional scholarship is based on the applicant's record of involvement in the life of the congregation. For all applicants, this includes participation in ministries, committees and fellowship groups at Messiah, their present school, and in the wider church and community. For students graduating from high school, this includes participation in Sunday school, youth group, mission trips and synod and ELCA youth events.

Messiah's scholarships are doubled for students at ELCA colleges. Luther and Wartburg match congregational scholarships up to \$750. Scholarship money must be sent directly to the school, and will be reflected in your student financial records. Scholarships are renewable for a total of four years.

Returning students must submit a scholarship renewal application every year, by April 1. This application should include contact information for the coming school year. The scholarship committee should meet to award amounts by April 30.

*First-year applicants: Please attach a one-page essay, describing a significant time or event in your faith journey. Or, describe your most helpful contribution to Messiah's life, or to the life of the larger church.

*Returning applicants: Please attach a one-page essay, describing a significant event in your student life this past year, and how you have grown from it. Identify your academic goals and how you are working to attain them.

(Return this page, along with your essay, to the church office)

Student information:

Name: _____

Home address: _____

Phone number/other contact information:

Social security number (necessary to route scholarship money to your school)

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School/student financial aid office contact information:

School name _____

School phone (____) ____ - _____

Financial aid office address: _____

How have you been involved in Messiah's life, or in the life of the wider church?

