

## TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH TRUST FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

**Purpose:** The Trinity Lutheran Scholarship is meant to honor the dedication of students who have shown a desire to grow in their faith and serve God by serving their neighbor. These scholarships are meant to encourage educational growth as well as growth in faith in Jesus Christ and service of the neighbor.

**Eligible Applicants are:** Members\* of Trinity Lutheran Church who are either:

- High school senior preparing to graduate
- Post-secondary student in a certificate, associate degree, or bachelor's degree program
- Seminary student

The Trinity Lutheran Scholarship Program is a competitive process which is intended to reward individuals who have shown consistent Christ centered activity through this congregation and its partner ministries. Preference will be given to first-time applicants, but previous scholarship recipients are encouraged to re-apply by completing a new application form. One-half of the scholarship will be available for each semester of the school year. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the school the applicant attends.

The applicant must have a cumulative 2.0 GPA to be considered for any scholarship.

\*Special consideration may be given to a non-member candidate who has contributed significantly of their time and talents in service to Trinity.

### **General Instructions:**

1. Complete all sections of the application required for your status (new, reapplying, seminary), as shown on page 1 of the application form.
2. Application and supporting materials (essay, transcript, and recommendation) must be submitted to Trinity by **March 31 or the following business day if on a weekend.**
3. Tips for Post Secondary Applicants
  - a. Try to collect all items prior to March 15 in order to have everything ready to submit prior to the due date.
  - b. Provide a stamped, addressed envelope to persons from whom you request recommendations or a transcript, if you cannot get information from them in person.
  - c. Ideally, the recommendation letter should describe your overall character, your demonstration of faith in your life, and plans you may have shared with the letter writer.
  - d. If you have any questions or if complications arise, leave a message and contact information at the Trinity church office so that someone can contact you.

- e. The application form is a Word document, you should use it to provide all information requested. **Only the current year application forms will be accepted for consideration.**

4. For Seminary Students:

- a. The acceptance process for admission to Seminary is more stringent and time consuming for candidates, and may likely be after March 31. A candidate must have the endorsement of the Synod, plus Seminary acceptance before they may apply for a scholarship.
- b. However, once accepted to Seminary, the candidate must submit the application, and all required attachments, no later than 30 days past acceptance to Seminary. Follow Tips 3b through 3e for Post Secondary applicants.

Application and supporting documents (essay, transcript, and recommendation) must be submitted by March 31, or within 30 days of acceptance to Seminary. Send or deliver all materials to:

Trinity Lutheran Church  
Trust Fund Scholarship Committee  
502 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH TRUST FUND**  
**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2023**

**Check one:**

- ☐ New Applicant (complete sections A - G)
- ☐ Renewing Applicant (complete sections A, B, E, F, G)
- ☐ Seminary Student (complete sections A, B, E, F, G)

**SECTION A.**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Zip)

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION B.**

Post-secondary institution you are attending or plan to attend:

Name of Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current or proposed course of study? \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by first-time applicants or applicants changing schools:**

Have you made application to your chosen school? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION C.**

Parents or Guardian (Full Name): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school attended: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION D. High School Students Only**

LIST YOUR ACTIVITIES AS A MEMBER OF TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH:

|   | 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade | 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade |
|---|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Sunday School Teacher                                 |                        |                        |                        |
| Youth Group   |                        |                        |                        |
| Synod LYO   |                        |                        |                        |
| National Youth Gathering                              |                        |                        |                        |
| Worship Servant<br>(reader, greeter, usher, musician) |                        |                        |                        |
| Bible Camp Counselor<br>or SALT Staff                 |                        |                        |                        |
| GIFTS Participant                                     |                        |                        |                        |
| Regular Worship Attendance                            |                        |                        |                        |
| *Other  |                        |                        |                        |

\*Applications will be scored and ranked based on their level of activity within the congregation.**SECTION D. College Students Only**

|  | Past Year | Describe your activity |
|--|-----------|------------------------|
| Active In Lutheran Campus Ministry                         |           |                        |
| Connected to a congregation in the community where I study |           |                        |
| Small Group or Bible Study Group                           |           |                        |
| Worship Servant<br>(reader, greeter, usher, musician)      |           |                        |
| Bible Camp Counselor<br>or SALT Staff                      |           |                        |
| GIFTS Participant  |           |                        |
| *Other   |           |                        |

\*Applications will be scored and ranked based on their level of activity within listed ministries.

LIST YOUR EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND/OR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Average Hours per Week: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **SECTION E.**

Write an essay of 500-600 words, using the following guidelines:

- c. First-time applicant – tell us about yourself, your future plans, and what your association with Trinity has meant to you or has given you a faith defining moment.
- d. Renewing applicant – describe significant experiences during the past year, including your faith journey and progress you are making toward your future plans.
- e. Seminary student – describe your faith journey during the past year, including experiences you feel are most helpful in preparing you for your goals in ministry.

#### **SECTION F.**

Obtain and submit your most recent transcript from the registrar or school office.

#### **SECTION G.**

Obtain a letter of recommendation from a Trinity member, pastor, teacher, or employer (not a family member, even if they are your employer) that describes your potential or your progress toward your career goals.