

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 C average to be considered for an initial scholarship.

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, recommendation) must be submitted to Trinity by **April 30**.
3. Tips for Applicants
 - a. Request that transcripts and recommendations be submitted immediately, even though the due date for all materials is April 30. This gives you time to follow up and do reminders, if necessary.
 - b. Provide a stamped, addressed envelope to persons from whom you request recommendations or a transcript.
 - c. By April 15, check with your school office and the person writing a recommendation to make sure the requested materials have been submitted to Trinity.
 - d. If any questions or complications arise, leave a message and contact information at the Trinity church office so that someone can contact you.
4. Address all application materials as follows:

Trinity Lutheran Church
Scholarship Committee
502 N 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Sunday School Teacher			
Youth Group			
Synod LYO			
National Youth Gathering			
Worship Servant (reader, greeter, usher, musician)			
Bible Camp Counselor 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

Active In Lutheran Campus Ministry	
Connected with a congregation in the community where I study	
Synod LYO	
National Youth Gathering	
Worship Servant (reader, greeter, usher, musician)	
Bible Camp Counselor or SALT Staff	
GIFTS Participant	
*Other	

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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:

- a. First-time applicant – tell about yourself, your future plans, and what your association with Trinity has meant to you.
- b. Renewing applicant – describe significant experiences during the past year, including your faith journey and progress you are making toward your future plans.
- c. 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.

Request that a transcript be sent from your school to Trinity **ASAP**. It is best to request them right away, so the school has time to get them ready and sent out.

SECTION G.

Obtain a letter of recommendation from a Trinity member, pastor, teacher, or employer that describes your potential or your progress toward your career goals. Request that the letter be sent to Trinity Lutheran Church by **April 15**.

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