

Scholarship Guidelines

*Trinity Lutheran Church
Rockford, Illinois*

The Scholarship Fund

The scholarship fund is an endowment. Annually the Scholarship Committee distributes the interest of the fund to benefit members of Trinity Lutheran Church who are full-time students in higher education. Any interest not used in the current year is added to the principal.

The Scholarships

The scholarships are gifts. Persons receiving the scholarship are not expected to repay the fund. The number of grants and the amount of each grant may fluctuate annually, reflecting fluctuations in the interest, which the fund yields. The Scholarship Committee awards annual grants to the individual in two equal installments. Students who wish to continue receiving a scholarship should re-apply for the next academic year.

Applying for a Scholarship

Each year in *Trinity News* and in the church bulletin, the Scholarship Committee announces that applications are available beginning in May and are due in the church office by **June 30th**.

Qualifications:

1. Only members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford, Illinois, are eligible.
2. Only persons planning to attend or attending degree-granting state or independent colleges and universities are eligible.
3. The student must enroll as a full-time student taking 12 or more hours each semester.
4. Only one member of a family is eligible, per year, to receive a scholarship.
5. Each year one scholarship may be awarded for graduate study.
6. Daughters and sons of current members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible.
7. Students who currently receive scholarships may re-apply by June 30th for the coming academic year.
8. The maximum times an individual will receive a scholarship is twice, unless preparing for full time work in the church. That is: ordained minister, associate in ministry, director of Christian education within a church, parish worker, youth director, minister of music, or such other work originating from within a church that requires a college degree.

Criteria for Awarding Scholarships

Each of the factors listed below influences the committee's action on an application. Obviously, the number of scholarships available and the number of applications are also factors in decisions.

- Preference will be given to students who have participated in Trinity Lutheran Church activities since their confirmation.
- Preference will be given to students whose financial need is evident.
- Preference will be given to students whose school records reflect their good scholarship and good character.
- Preference will be given to students enrolled or planning to enroll in Lutheran colleges and seminaries.
- Preference will be given to students who plan careers in full-time work in the church.
- Students receiving the scholarship must maintain a 2.5 average on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent. Failure to do so will make the student ineligible for the following year.

Awards

The Committee submits nominations for scholarships to the Church Council for approval no later than the August meeting of the Council. Following action by the Council, each applicant is notified by letter about the Committee and Council action.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
DUE AND POSTMARKED BY June 30th

Please fill in **all** blanks - complete **information is essential**.

NAME OF APPLICANT _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

SINGLE _____ MARRIED _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

NAMES AND AGES OF ANY DEPENDENTS _____

CHURCH ACTIVITIES – Since Confirmation: *(Continue on back of sheet if necessary.)*

ACTIVITY

YEARS INVOLVED

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: *(You must submit a copy of official high school/college transcripts.)*

HIGH SCHOOL _____

ADDRESS _____

DATE OF GRADUATION _____ CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/WORK EXPERIENCE:

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY (attending fall semester) _____

ADDRESS _____

CURRENT CLASS _____ CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE _____

MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY _____

MINOR FIELD OF STUDY _____

TENTATIVE CAREER OBJECTIVE _____

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN COLLEGE _____

EDUCATION COSTS:

Itemize your estimated college *expenses* for the year:

TUITION AND FEES \$ _____

ROOM AND BOARD \$ _____

OTHER EXPENSES \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Itemize your source of funds to finance your education:
(Please approximate, or if you are in college, you may attach financial statement from college or university.)

FAMILY SUPPORT \$ _____

LOANS \$ _____

SCHOLARSHIPS \$ _____

OTHER (EMPLOYMENT, ETC.) \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Have you received a scholarship from Trinity before? YES _____ NO _____

How many times have you received a scholarship from Trinity? _____

What years were they received? _____

FATHER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____

EMPLOYER _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

OCCUPATION _____

EMPLOYER _____

DEPENDENTS OF PARENTS:

NAME

RELATIONSHIP

AGE

OCCUPATION

Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers, and Occupations of **THREE** personal references; not related to you and other than pastors of Trinity. Include at least one school teacher or college professor.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____

Have each of the above fill out the attached reference form and return by June 30th to:
(Please provide a pre-addressed, stamped envelope for each reference.)

**SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
Trinity Lutheran Church
200 North First St.
Rockford, Illinois 61107**

Explain why you are asking for this scholarship. Be as specific as possible.

I understand the decision of Trinity Lutheran Church in granting the scholarships will be final. This scholarship is an outright gift with no conditions requiring repayment. The scholarship shall be paid directly to the college/university, and this application is confidential. The completed application is to be submitted to Trinity Lutheran Church no later than June 30th to be considered for the upcoming school year.

I will continue regular church attendance and involvement in church activities as my schedule permits.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

NOTIFICATION: Formal notification of awards will be mailed.

PERSONAL REFERENCE FORM
FOR
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

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I, the undersigned, WAIVE ANY RIGHT or privilege to inspect or challenge the content of comments expressed therein. I affirm that such observations shall be and remain confidential between the writer and the Scholarship Committee of Trinity Lutheran Church of Rockford, Illinois.

Signed by student _____ Date _____

CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT

Place checks in the spaces, which you think best, describe the applicant. If you have no basis for judgment in certain categories, please cross the word out.

	High	Aver.	Fair		High	Aver.	Fair
Character	_____	_____	_____	Self-Reliance	_____	_____	_____
Leadership	_____	_____	_____	Perseverance	_____	_____	_____
Reliability	_____	_____	_____	Courtesy	_____	_____	_____
Initiative	_____	_____	_____	Cooperation	_____	_____	_____
Judgment	_____	_____	_____	Religious Leadership	_____	_____	_____

Comments:

Name _____

Address _____

Relationship to Individual: teacher___ professor___ coach___ employer___ other___ _____

How many years have you known this person? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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