

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Education Assistance Endowment Fund

Application for High School, College or Graduate Program

Student's name _____ Date ____/____/____

Student's contact information while living at school

Dorm name _____ Room _____

Street address _____

Street address _____ Birthday ____/____/____

City/ST/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If student is a minor, please provide your parent(s) information:

Parent(s) name _____

Street address _____

City/ST/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Please check all that apply

In plan to attend one of the following WELS high schools or worker training schools :

- Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Mequon, WI
- Martin Luther College, New Ulm, MN
- Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, WI
- Michigan Lutheran Seminary, Saginaw, MI
- Great Plains Lutheran High School, Watertown, SD
- Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School, New Ulm, MN
- Saint Croix Lutheran High School, West Saint Paul, MN
- West Lutheran High School, Plymouth, MN
- Other WELS area Lutheran high school

I plan to attend this school as a fulltime student for both the fall and spring semesters.

I am a communicant member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Belle Plaine, Minnesota, and intend to remain a member through December 31 of the current school term.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature (if student is a minor) _____

Note deadline and other information on the next page!

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History

The Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church Education Assistance Endowment Fund was established with a generous bequest from Mr. Bruce Panning. Additional funding was received from the Arlene Manthe estate. The fund is intended to provide educational assistance to members of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church who are attending eligible schools into perpetuity. Additional gifts to this fund will increase the assistance available.

Deadline

Applications are due on September 30. Applications may either be delivered to a member of the Planned Giving Committee or postmarked on or before that date and mailed to the committee's chairman:

Pastor Curt Seefeldt
900 Riverview Lane
Belle Plaine, MN 56011

The Planned Giving Committee will inform students of the estimated educational assistance by November 30. Checks will be made payable to the school and sent directly to the school registrar after it is determined the eligible student has returned to school for classes in January.

Eligibility Policies

- Students must plan to be fulltime students for both semesters of the school year.
- If a student discontinues after beginning the second semester, neither the student nor parents will be expected to refund the grant.
- Educational assistance grants are available to members in good standing of Trinity Lutheran Church, Belle Plaine, at the time they apply through December 31 of the current school term.
- We make an exception to the membership rule for students who attend Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. When a member of Trinity attending Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary transfers membership to an area congregation as requested by the Seminary to enhance his education, he shall remain eligible for education assistance. Assistance is available only for years in which the student pays tuition at the Seminary.
- The Planned Giving Committee requests that recipients of this grant write a thank you note that can be shared anonymously with the congregation.

A copy of the policies for the endowment fund is available from the Chairman upon request.

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Martin Luther College Matching Grant

Martin Luther College offers a dollar-for-dollar matching grant to its students when they receive a grant from their home congregation. Here is a link: [MLC Congregational Partnership grants](#)

To qualify for MLC's match, the congregation's assistance must be received by MLC during the summer, prior to the first semester. Trinity's tuition assistance is not available until the second semester. To address this:

- Students attending MLC can request that their second semester grant from Trinity be applied to the first semester of the next school year. In this way the grant meets the requirements for the match. When Trinity students enter their final year at MLC, they can still receive a grant to apply to the second semester of their final year, in addition to the matched grant the was applied to their first semester tuition.
- Seniors attending a WELS Lutheran high school or prep school can also request the grant for the second semester of their 12th grade year be applied to the first semester of their freshman year at MLC. In this way the grant meets the requirements for the match.

We suggest discussing this option with a member of the Planned Giving Committee.