Scholarship Overview

The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarship awards were established to provide scholarship awards to eligible candidates pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. The scholarship program is made possible through a permanently endowed, charitable fund at Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing (Thrivent Charitable) established by the former congregation of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis.

Founded in 1888, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church maintained a strong commitment to education. A school affiliated with the church was founded in the same year to provide English language and religious instruction to immigrant families. The school remained a part of the Church's mission for nearly 100 years. At the time of the Church's closing, the congregation established this Fund to provide benefit to Lutheran students who are members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).
About Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing

The scholarship program is administered by Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing, a national charity with a mission to serve donors, spread joy and change lives. Through Thrivent Charitable, giving is customized to each donor's charitable interests and financial circumstances. Thrivent Charitable is a proven steward of these gifts, earning consistently high ratings from Charity Navigator and GuideStar for sound fiscal management, transparency and commitment to excellence. Together with donors, Thrivent Charitable grants over $58 million annually to charities serving local, national and global communities. To learn more, please visit thriventcharitable.com.

Questions?
Please contact Dave Zastrow, Donor Services Associate
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(800) 365-4172
Eligibility

Eligible candidates for the scholarship should meet the following criteria:

1. Candidates must be members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the LCMS;
2. Candidates must be in their third or fourth year of study at an undergraduate college or university of the LCMS, or enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program at an LCMS college, university or seminary. Candidates must be enrolled on a full-time basis, based upon the respective institution's definition of “full-time” status. Students are not eligible to apply for their vicarage year;
3. Candidates must be pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry;
4. Candidates must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants and past recipients may reapply for these scholarships on an annual basis.

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Scholarship Awards

Three or more awards between $5,000-$10,000 will be given for the 2022-2023 school year. Scholarship recipients will be determined by a Scholarship Committee of Thrivent Charitable staff. Applicants of the scholarship award will be notified by Thrivent Charitable by July 2022. Scholarship awards are sent directly by Thrivent Charitable to the educational institution where the recipient will attend.

This scholarship award is intended to provide financial assistance that is not otherwise covered by available resources or other financial aid to the applicant. Funds may be used to defray expenses for tuition, room and board, books, laboratory expenses and/or other related educational expenditures.

Application Overview & Deadline

Applications available: March 1, 2022
Visit thriventcharitable.com/grants/scholarships for eligibility requirements and to complete the new online application.

Submission deadline: April 29, 2022
All applications and necessary documents must be received by Thrivent Charitable no later than April 29, 2022.

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Application Instructions & Requirements

Please read the instructions carefully and ensure that all the required information is received by the deadline. Applicants should complete an online application, providing answers to the questions below. Applicants will also need to submit additional materials to Thrivent Charitable outlined on page 6. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Requirement 1: Applicant Information

Contact information
- Name
- Address
- Date of birth
- Phone
- Email

Demographic information
- Gender
- Ethnicity

School/degree information
- School name
- GPA
- Major
- Graduation date

Financial aid information

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Additional required materials
- Transcript
- Community Service Resume
- Online Recommendation Form

Requirement 2: Short Answer & Text Questions
- How did you hear about the scholarship?
- Have you received a scholarship from Thrivent Charitable? When? Name of scholarship?
- Tell us about why you are uniquely qualified for this award. (300 words)
- What are your educational goals? What type of program/studies do you intend to pursue or are pursuing? What do you hope to do upon completion of your studies? What are your career objectives? (300 words)

Requirement 3: Essay
In an essay of approximately 500-700 words, please submit a statement of particularly why you are interested in a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. What experiences have informed this decision? What inspires you about a life of ministry?

Requirement 4: Additional Submitted Materials
*Must be received by or before the deadline of April 29, 2022
- Transcript - Please ensure that Thrivent Charitable receives a copy of your most recent transcript (unofficial is acceptable) showing a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Community Service Resume - A resume including school, church related and community service, honors, awards, leadership and work history in which you have engaged during your high school years. Include number of hours, years and level of leadership and awards for each activity.
- Online Recommendation Form – Please ensure that Thrivent Charitable receives one completed online recommendation form. Forward the online recommendation form to either your pastor, or one from your educational institution, for their online completion. Please find the online form here: www.thriventcharitable.com/recommendation

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