Scholarship Overview

The Mary Barbara Price Lutheran Scholarship Program For Graduate & Professional Education

The Mary Barbara Price Lutheran Scholarship Program for Graduate and Professional Education (formerly The Tulare County Lutheran Scholarship Program) was established to benefit Lutheran students who are residents of Madera, Kings, Kern or Tulare County. The scholarship program is made possible through the generosity of donor Barbara Price, who created this permanently endowed fund at Thrivent Charitable Impact & Investing (Thrivent Charitable). Through these scholarship awards, the donor wished to endorse the optimism and success of today’s youth and intended these scholarships to provide educational opportunities to outstanding individuals who have demonstrated their abilities and their desire to explore the unlimited possibilities available to them. The donor also shared a belief in the faith and values inherent in and promoted by colleges and universities affiliated with the Lutheran Church. It was the donor’s hope that recipients of this award similarly recognize such value, and that they, too, may one day be in a position to identify other students in need of educational scholarship assistance, also “passing it along” without carrying it as a debt to be repaid.
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?
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Eligibility

The scholarship program is open to students who are currently enrolled or seeking enrollment at an accredited graduate or professional school. Applicants must:

1. Be a current or former resident of Madera, Kings, Kern or Tulare County;
2. Have received an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university;
3. Demonstrate at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA in their undergraduate studies, and must maintain a 3.0 GPA in a graduate or professional program.

Preference for these scholarship awards shall be given to past recipients of The Tulare County Lutheran Scholarship Program for Undergraduates.

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Scholarship Awards

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

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an online application available at thriventcharitable.com/grants/scholarships.

Submission deadline: April 29, 2022

All applications and required documents must be received by Thrivent Charitable no later than April 29, 2022.

*Paper applications are available only by request.

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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

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)

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Requirement 3: Essay

At Thrivent Charitable, our mission is to serve donors and their giving goals so that together we can change lives and spread joy by sharing our blessings with the world. We encourage donors to develop giving goals that reflect their life experiences, values and passions. In thinking about your life experience, values, and passions in conjunction with the advanced degree that you are seeking, how do you want to utilize your blessings to change lives and spread joy? How will this advanced degree impact your own life and the life of others? Whose lives do you want to change? What role does your faith play in your life? Please share your response in an essay of approximately 1200 words.

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 3.0 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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