



# Advent Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund Guidelines

**Mission:** To support the members of Advent Lutheran Church in the pursuit of higher education at the undergraduate level, as well as vocational school and seminary for ordination within the Lutheran Church.

The fund is not intended to support the pursuit of second or third degrees in college or vocational school. With the exception of sponsored seminary training leading to ordained ministry within the Lutheran Church, the fund is not intended to support graduate education.

**Eligibility:** Any person who has been a confirmed member in good standing (as per the ELCA constitution adopted at Advent in January 2002) of Advent Lutheran Church for two or more years and has been accepted at an accredited two or four-year college, vocational school or seminary is eligible to apply for grant money from the Advent Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund. Seminary students must be seeking ordination within the Lutheran Church.

**Application Process:** The application will consist of a 250-word essay in which the candidate will answer the following questions:

- What are your academic and vocational goals?
- How do you relate your faith and personal history to these goals?
- How will study at the institution that you've identified help you meet your academic and vocational goals?

An application can be submitted each year for which the candidate is seeking grant money, up to a maximum of four years.

**Approval and Distribution:** Distribution will be made annually during the third quarter of the church calendar year in equal portion to each successful candidate. To insure the ongoing nature of the fund, annual distribution of funds shall not exceed 60% of the total fund; i.e., if the total scholarship fund is equal to \$10,000 and there are three candidates who have been approved, total funds distributed shall not exceed \$6,000 or \$2,000 per applicant. The annual scholarship awards will be by recommendation of the Scholarship Committee and approved by the church council.

Evidence of current registration at the identified institution must be presented by the approved candidate prior to the distribution of funds to him or her.