

## **Island Lutheran Church (ILC) Scholarship Policy and Guidelines**

### **General Principles:**

The purpose of these scholarships is to assist recipients with their continuing education and/or technical training. Scholarship awards are not intended to cover the full cost of school for any applicant. There may be several scholarship awards in any one year depending on the number of applicants and the amount of money available to be determined by the ILC Endowment Trustees.

This scholarship may be used for any legitimate higher education expenses including tuition and books. It may be awarded to returning students. It may be awarded to an applicant for post-graduate training requiring formal academic study. All awards will be paid directly to the recipient's school of choice upon verification of acceptance as follows:

1. ILC Members and members children attending a Lutheran College or University with a church related major (Pastor, DCE, teacher, etc.)
2. ILC Members and members children attending a Lutheran College or University with a non-church related major (ie. Valparaíso with business, engineering, medical or other degree program)
3. ILC Members and members children attending a secular school, including junior colleges or technical schools.
4. Grandchildren of ILC members attending a Lutheran college or university with a church related major
5. Grandchildren of ILC members attending a Lutheran college or university with a non-church related major
6. Grandchildren of ILC members attending a secular school, including junior colleges and technical schools.
7. Nonmembers attending a Missouri Synod Lutheran college or university with church related major.

### **Application Process:**

As early as possible in the calendar year, the Endowment Trustees will determine the amount of funds available and will make this information available to the Church Council.

Applications should be made available to interested students by November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year for the following academic year.

Complete applications should be returned to the church office by February 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The Trustees then meet to review the applications, will interview student(s) if necessary, and then make their decision.

The recipient(s) of the scholarship will be informed as early as possible after all the candidate's applications have been reviewed.

It's the responsibility of the recipient to inform the church when he/she is registered. At this time, the monies will be sent directly to the institution and the students will be informed that his has been done.

Communication of the award recipients will be acknowledged during a worship service.

### **Selection Criteria and Recommendations:**

The goal is to award qualified applicants, not to have to choose according to their “need” or “merit”. The criteria include the following:

- A completed application and a personal essay;
- The applicant has an active relationship with their Church; and
- The applicant has been active in the community.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. The applicant must have maintained an active relationship with their home Church; and it does not have to be only Island Lutheran Church.
2. The applicant must have been active/completed community service projects.
3. The applicant must have applied to his/her school of choice and must provide documentation of acceptance before an award is confirmed.
4. The Island Lutheran Church Scholarship award shall be mailed directly to the recipient's school of choice upon verification of registration to Island Lutheran Church Scholarship Review Committee.
5. Application forms will be available after November 1<sup>st</sup> each year. All applications must be returned to Island Lutheran Church on or before February 1<sup>st</sup>.
6. Applicants will be notified of awards after the review process is completed.
7. A new application form and required materials must be submitted each time the applicant applies for the Island Lutheran Church Scholarship.
8. Each application must be accompanied by a personal essay/statement. Applicants are encouraged to submit other material, which they consider relevant.

### **Interview:**

The Trustees may require an interview with the applicants. Applicants will be notified by telephone, email or letter of their interview date and time.

### **Awards:**

The Island Lutheran Scholarship awards will be determined by the amount the ILC Endowment Trustees recommend is prudent to be awarded. This will be no more than a total of \$5000 or 4% of the account balance, whichever is larger, for the continuation of the fund's capital.

At a meeting of the board on April 10, 2019 it was agreed that at least 20% of the annual distribution will be made to students attending schools with Lutheran affiliation.

# ISLAND LUTHERAN CHURCH

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC

## EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND APPLICATION

---

This fund is intended to support members of Island Lutheran Church (ILC) and their families in advancing their educations. Requirements are stated in the attached Fund Policy. Special Consideration will be given to those who are seeking education to work in God's Church and are attending Lutheran colleges, universities, or seminaries.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Tele: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship With ILC: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of church currently attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of School attending/applying: \_\_\_\_\_

Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Date classes begin: \_\_\_\_\_

Class standing when classes begin : \_\_\_\_\_

On a supplemental sheet(s), list your church and community service and also employment activities. Also include a short essay that describes the role that your faith has played in your life and influenced decisions regarding future plans.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This award is for the upcoming academic year. You may apply for additional awards in later years by submitting a new application for that year. Applications must be received at ILC no later than March 31<sup>st</sup> for the following year.