

Ascension's Memorial Scholarship Procedure

The Ascension Lutheran Church has offered College Scholarships for decades. The initial college scholarships were started sometime in the 1980's or before, when Ascension Lutheran Church Women (ALCW) were allocating some of their Bazaar's earning for College Scholarships. Then in 2008 Mary Whitford bequeathed to Ascension funds to create another scholarship in her memory. With the Ascension's Memorial Scholarship being established in January 2015 with a generous gift from Mae Anderson in memory and honor of her granddaughter Denise Anderson. It was ALCW's, Mary's, and Mae's desire to encourage and promote education beyond high school to our youth members by providing financial assistances.

Now for the 2024 Scholarship Awards, all three of these scholarships were merged into one program with a new criterion that honors our past while looking towards the future. The Criteria is a work in progress with the goal of finalizing the new criterion for the 2025 scholarship(s). For this year the following procedure will be followed.

The Scholarship

- The Scholarship awards will be \$500 each.
- The scholarship is available for current undergraduates and high school graduates attending an accredited post-secondary educational institution **fulltime**. The institution is not limited to a community college or four-year college/university.
- This 2024 scholarship is non-renewable.
- The scholarship is paid after the recipient submits registration/class verification of being a fulltime student.

Criteria for the Scholarship Applicant

- Must be an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church by:
 - ✓ Attending Ascension regularly if local or at a church at the college location.
 - ✓ Participating in church activities
 - ✓ Have a record of giving personally or through the family (if applicable)
 - ✓ Parent responsibility (if applicable) must remain an active member of Ascension Lutheran Church.
- Must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary educational institution and must be considered a fulltime student.
- Must use the scholarship award for the enrollment year in which it is granted.

Application Procedure

- Each spring eligible individuals will be notified about the scholarship opportunity.
- Applicant will obtain a scholarship application from the church office, on line, or a member of the Memorial Committee.
- Completed Applications are **due by June 1, 2024** to the Memorial Committee.
- The Memorial Committee will evaluate the applications and by majority award the scholarship(s).
- The Memorial Committee Chair will notify each applicant in writing by June 30.

Scholarship Award Procedure

- The Memorial Committee Chair contacts recipient and requests registration/class verification.
- Once verification is received the Memorial Chair or Finance Chair will complete, sign, and submit to the bookkeeper an expense voucher for the recipient(s) award check to be issued.

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Please complete the top part in ink and type your essays.

Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

High School Attended: _____

Graduation Date: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Parent's Name(s): _____ Phone: _____

Post-Secondary Educational Institution Attending: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Course of Study: _____

Start Date: _____ Number of Credits: _____ Full Time: Yes or No (circle)

Major(s)/Degree(s): _____

Career Goals: _____

Attach your typed response to these three essay questions:

- ❖ In your own words, tell us about yourself, how this scholarship would help you with your education, and why you should be a scholarship recipient. Also, include information about your church activities and participation.
- ❖ Describe your faith journey to date. Share any significant events or memories, who helped you along the way, and who you have helped.
- ❖ Describe the importance of community service and what you currently do, in addition to what you plan to do in the future to give back to the church and community.

Office Use Only:

Date Received: _____ Action Date: _____

Memorial Chair Signature: _____

Finance Chair Signature: _____

Check Request Voucher: Date Submitted: _____ MIF Check #: _____ Date mailed to Recipient: _____