



LAWSON SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

[2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR]

GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE:

Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 5:00 pm PDT

NOTE: *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

Melvyn Lawson and Velma Kopka Lawson Scholarship

The scholarship program exists to assist qualified students who are members of the churches in the Capitol Valley Conference of the Sierra-Pacific Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. One scholarship, in the amount of \$1200, will be awarded biennially. The scholarship recipient must be pursuing a career in education.

This scholarship will:

- Always be known by the correct name specified per Melvyn Lawson's request.
- Awarded biennially in the amount of \$1200.
- Be awarded to a student pursuing a career in education.
- Be awarded on the basis of financial need supported by academic performance and community service.
- Be open to students active in churches in the Sacramento Conference of the ELCA's Sierra-Pacific Synod.

Other Guidelines:

- A committee appointed by the St. John's Church Council will administer the fund and make the selections as to who will receive the scholarships. The committee and the Church Council will seek additional funds so that the scholarships awarded will make a difference for needy and worthy students.
- Members of St. John's Lutheran Church will be awarded extra points in the scoring matrix.
- Applications for the Lawson Scholarship will be distinct and separate from the St. John's Scholarships.
- Scholarships will not automatically be renewed for succeeding school years. Current recipients must submit a new application to be eligible for renewal.
- Previous applicants who were not selected can reapply in future years.
- Hard deadlines for applications to be submitted will be followed.
- If no qualified applicants are identified that year's award will be added to the corpus of the fund.
- All information submitted to the committee will be held in the strictest of confidence.
- The names of those receiving scholarships will be published and distributed to the congregation.
- No members of St. John's staff or children of staff members may apply.

Instructions:

You must submit this completed application form and all supplementary sheets to St. John's Lutheran Church by the application deadline as stated.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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Before you send your application to St. John's Lutheran Church, be sure you have included ALL of the following:

Open Response

Church Life & Statement of Intent

Interests & Activities

Academics

Financial Statement

Recommendation Forms

Academic

Church Involvement

Transcripts

High School

College/University (if applicable)

Other

Personal Information Form

Signed Applicant's Certification

Send your completed application to:

St. John's Lutheran Church

1701 L Street

Sacramento, California 95811

Attn: Scholarship Application

OR:

Submit via email at scholarships@stjohnslc.org.

OPEN RESPONSE

Please prepare the following documents with your name in the upper right-hand corner. Each essay must be typed, and your name must be on each page.

Church Life & Statement of Intent:

Write a brief essay on your church's role in shaping your spiritual growth and about your involvement in the church's mission. How has the church shaped your decision to pursue a career in education? Please include a discussion of your reasons for applying for a scholarship. Why do you value and desire a college education? What and why do you want to teach? How would the Lawson Scholarship help you meet your goals? Please include your academic interests as well as your major. (500-600 words)

Interests & Activities:

Create a bulleted resume, no longer than one page, detailing your most significant interests, activities, and community service. Please indicate the organization, position held, time and length of your involvement.

Academics:

Draft a brief statement in which you describe your academic strengths and challenges. Please include your academic interests in school, as well as your future major and interest in pursuing a career in education. Also discuss your volunteer and public service activities. How have these activities led you to an interest in education as a career? (500-600 words)

Financial Statement:

Write a paragraph explaining how this financial aid will help you meet your goals. Indicate whether there are any pieces of information the committee should consider, such as jobs you have held while in school or unique family circumstances. (Maximum 500 words)

RECOMMENDATION FORMS & TRANSCRIPTS

Recommendation Forms:

Recommendations should be completed by:

- One academic instructor
- One pastor, ministry supervisor (clergy or lay), or other congregational member

Applicants should complete Section I and have the recommending party complete Section II of the Recommendation Forms. Applicants should inform those completing these recommendations of the purpose of a St. John's Scholarship. Educators and church employees are welcome to submit their recommendations on official letterhead.

Recommendations should be submitted directly to St. John's Lutheran Church or should be submitted by the applicant in a sealed envelope with the signature of the educator or pastor across the seal.

Transcript:

Provide a current transcript from the institution most recently attended.



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RECOMMENDATION FORM: ACADEMIC

Section I: *To be completed by the applicant*

I, _____, waive do not waive my right to review the Recommendation Form.
 Name of Applicant

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Section II: *To be completed by an academic instructor*

Educators are welcome to submit their recommendations on official letterhead together with this form.

* You may use the back of this form or another sheet of paper.

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant? *
2. How firm is the applicant's commitment to his/her academic success? *
3. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

Leadership	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Academic Potential	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Seriousness of Purpose	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Enthusiasm	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Maturity	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average
Community Service	Excellent	Very Good	Average	Below Average

4. Please cite specific examples of how the applicant has demonstrated the qualities listed in question 3. *
5. Additional comments. *

 Name Title or Position

 Telephone Email

 Institution

 Signature of Recommender Date

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RECOMMENDATION FORM: CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

Section I: To be completed by the applicant

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 Name of Applicant

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Section II: To be completed by a church employee

Church employees are welcome to submit their recommendations on official letterhead together with this
 * You may use the back of this form or another sheet of paper.

- In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant? *
- How has the applicant been involved in the ministries of your congregation? *
- How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area, please leave it blank.

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