



# ST. JOHN'S SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## [2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR]

### GENERAL INFORMATION & INSTRUCTIONS

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#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

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

**NOTE:** *Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

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. Two scholarships, each in the amount of \$1000, will be awarded annually.

#### **This scholarship will:**

- Consist of two (2) scholarships awarded annually in the amount of \$1000 each.
- 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.
- Scholarships will not automatically be renewed for succeeding school years. Current recipients must submit a new application each year and are not guaranteed to be awarded another scholarship.
- Previous applicants who were not selected can reapply in future years.
- 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
- Interests and Activities
- 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 email at [scholarships@stjohnslc.org](mailto:scholarships@stjohnslc.org).



## OPEN RESPONSE

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*Please prepare this before you begin your answers with your name in the upper right-hand corner.*

### **Church Life:**

*Please address the following multi-part prompt in 500-800 words:*

Describe your church's role in shaping how you live God's love in the world. Please be sure to explain what living God's love in the world means to you and your professional goals. Include a discussion of how you hope this scholarship will enable you to continue this work.

### **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.

### **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

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### **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

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### 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

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 Signature of Recommender Date

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## RECOMMENDATION FORM: CHURCH INVOLVEMENT

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### 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 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.

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant? \*
2. How has the applicant been involved in the ministries of your congregation? \*
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
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