

First Lutheran Church Scholarships

About the Program:

First Lutheran Scholarships and the Donna Johnson Memorial Scholarship are two separate scholarships within the First Lutheran Church Scholarship Program. Applicants are encouraged to apply to both, however an individual is only eligible to receive one scholarship.

- a. First Lutheran Church Scholarships are one-time, non-renewable awards. The number and amount of individual scholarships will be determined by the amount of funds available each year.
- b. The Donna Johnson Memorial Scholarship was initially created to focus on applicants who are first-generation college students and those students with financial need. Preference may be given to those criteria, but applicants are considered as a whole. It is a one-time, non-renewable award in the amount of \$5,000.

We strongly encourage students to apply for both scholarships.

The scholarship program is open to all graduating high school seniors who are members of First Lutheran Church, Le Sueur and will be attending a two- or four-year college or university or a vocational-technical trade school.

Recipient selection will be conducted as follows:

- a. First Lutheran Scholarships will be selected by the First Lutheran Church Scholarship Committee consisting of six members of First Lutheran Church, one of whom selected will serve as Chair.
- b. The Donna Johnson Memorial Scholarship will be selected by a committee consisting of the Pastor, Church Council President, First Lutheran Scholarship Committee Chair, Church Treasurer and a Donna Johnson family member.

When possible, awards will be announced at the spring high school honors program.

How to Apply:

- 1) Download and save this document to your computer. Your responses can be saved as you enter them. The application must be received in the church office on or before the **first Monday of April**. Incomplete and/or late applications may not be considered by the Scholarship Committee. Email all materials to office@firstlutheranlesueur.org.
- 2) A personal statement must be included as part of the application.

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- 4) A letter of recommendation is required. Choose someone who knows you well and give them the appropriate page to complete and return to you as per instructions. Please refrain from asking the pastor, a family member or relative to complete the letter.
- 5) Some information is ONLY needed for those wishing to be considered for the Donna Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Do not complete those sections if you only wish to be considered for First Lutheran Church Scholarships.
- 6) All forms are to be submitted to the church office at office@firstlutheranlesueur.org.
- 7) All information will be kept confidential and will be used only by the Scholarship Committee(s).

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PERSONAL DATA

First Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Email Address _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____

Parent/Guardian Address _____

(if different from above)

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

High School Name _____

City _____ State _____

School you plan to attend _____

(College, University, Trade School, etc.)

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

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CHURCH ACTIVITIES

List activities in which you have participated and/or volunteered at First Lutheran Church or another church during the past four years. Indicate the approximate number of hours involved in each activity each year. Example: Sunday School Teacher — 45 hours/year

Grade 9

Grade 10

Grade 11

Grade 12

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES/SERVICE

List activities in which you have participated and/or volunteered through your community and school during the past four years. Indicate approximate number of hours involved in each activity per year and give any achievements or special recognition received.

NOTE: Do not list volunteer projects and activities completed if affiliated with GIGG requirements.

Examples: Food Shelf Volunteer - 12 hours/year; Meals on Wheels - 1 hour/week; Community Theatre - 40 hours over the summer.

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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Address personal thoughts, concepts or ideas as they relate to how your Christian life will continue into your post-secondary education and beyond. (100-150 words)

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DONNA JOHNSON SCHOLARSHIP

This section must be completed if you are applying for the Donna Johnson Scholarship.

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

(You must submit a copy of your current transcript)

What is the highest degree attained by Parent A? High School Diploma
 Certificate/Technical Diploma
 Two-Year Degree (Associate)
 Four-Year Degree (Bachelor)

What is the highest degree attained by Parent B? High School Diploma
 Certificate/Technical Diploma
 Two-Year Degree (Associate)
 Four-Year Degree (Bachelor)

Please provide an overview of your financial need. How will you be financing your education? What approximate percentage of your tuition will be funded by:

- a. your savings/earning: _____
- b. parents' contribution: _____
- c. scholarship and/or loans: _____

Additional factors the committee should consider pertaining to your financial need?

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

Students – please complete the top portion and provide this form to a person who knows you well. This person should not be your pastor, a family member or relative.

Instructions for individual completing this recommendation:

Please return the recommendation to the applicant to be submitted to First Lutheran Church. If preferred, the recommendation may be submitted directly to First Lutheran Scholarship Program, 116 Inner Dr., Le Sueur, MN 56058. Please let the applicant know your recommendation has been submitted.

Applicant's Last Name	First Name	Telephone number	
Name of Reference	City	State	Zip Code
Relationship to Applicant	Length of Acquaintance		

On behalf of the scholarship applicant, please provide a statement concerning the characteristics of the applicant, giving attention to: initiative, integrity, judgment, leadership, reliability and dependability, and other unique personal qualities.

All information submitted will be held in confidence and reviewed only by the First Lutheran Scholarship Team.