

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE ST. JOHN FOUNDATION
OFFER THE FOLLOWING GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**

PLEASE NOTE: All of these financial aid opportunities are only available for full-time students at an accredited institution (2 year, 4 year, and vocational/technical schools).

GRANTS

Grants are available for St. John Lutheran Church members only. Grants are an outright gift given to eligible St. John members. These are small grants, intended to provide assistance for education-related expenses. Grants have ranged from \$150-\$450 in the past. Grant applications are available from the church office. **You must fill out a grant application to receive a grant.**

ELCA COLLEGE MATCHING PROGRAMS: Colleges which are affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) often have dollar-matching programs. If a student is eligible for a grant, and is currently enrolled at an ELCA college, that student has the potential to double those monies. If you are currently attending, or planning to attend an ELCA college, please check with the financial aid office of that school for more information, as these programs vary from school to school. If you need a letter sent to your school in order to receive the matching funds from your college, please notify the church office. **You must fill out a grant application to receive a matching grant.**

St. John members may apply for either a St. John grant OR an ELCA college matching grant. You may not apply for both. You may, however, apply for a scholarship and one type of grant.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for any student who is a resident of Steele County. You do not need to be a member of St. John Lutheran Church. Scholarships are available for traditional and non-traditional students.

Non-traditional students are those 23 years old or older prior to returning to school.

Scholarships are of variable dollar amounts, based on number of qualified applicants and total scholarship dollars available for any given year. Scholarships have ranged from \$300-\$900 in the past. Scholarship applications are available at Steele County high schools, the church office or www.stjohnwatonna.org.

If you have questions regarding any of these financial aid opportunities, please contact the St. John church office at (507) 451-7293.

St. John Lutheran Church Scholarship Application

St. John Lutheran Church of Owatonna, MN, in association with the St. John Foundation, is pleased to offer academic scholarships to both high school graduates and current college students who are enrolled in an accredited institution.

Applicants must be a resident of Steele County. However, applicants do NOT need to be members of St. John Lutheran Church.

Applications must be submitted to the St. John Lutheran Church office (1301 Lincoln Ave. So., Owatonna) no later than Tuesday, **June 12, 2012**. Any application submitted or postmarked later than June 12 will NOT be considered.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read all directions carefully and follow instructions completely. Any questions may be directed to the St. John Lutheran Church office (507-451-7293).

Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 5, 2012 during the worship service at St. John Lutheran Church. Scholarship recipients are expected to be in attendance for this ceremony. However, a written explanation of absence will be accepted.

Please be aware that a student may apply for, and receive, this scholarship more than once. Also, if you do not receive a scholarship this year, you are invited to apply once again next year.

A wallet-sized photograph, for publicity purposes only, should be attached to this application.

All funds are awarded in good faith: should it happen that an award recipient does not complete the school year, it is expected that the funds will be returned to the St. John Church Foundation.

If not legible, application won't be considered.

PLEASE PRINT

Full Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Name (s) of Parent/Guardian _____

College/University Name & Address _____

Member of St. John? Yes _____ No _____

I hereby affirm that I am a resident of Steele County.

Signature _____ Date _____

Postmark Deadline: June 12, 2012 (No exceptions)

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

School _____ Number of students in graduation class _____

City, State _____ Graduation Date _____

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

Please indicate the complete name of the school you plan to attend in academic year 2012-2013 or, in order of preference the schools to which you have applied for admission:

School _____ City _____ State _____

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Year in post-secondary program during 2012-2013 academic year: 1 2 3 4 5 6
(circle one)

Intended course of study _____

Anticipated date of college graduation _____

ACTIVITIES

List church, community, and volunteer activities in which you've been involved during **the past four years. Be specific.** Indicate the name of the activity, event, organization, committee, etc. Include the dates (year or years of participation), and the total hours you volunteered (not hours per week). There must be a number in the Total Hours column for you to receive credit for that activity. Please do not write words such as "occasionally" or "varied" in the Total Hours column. Estimate hours if necessary. **Limit your response to the space provided. Attachments will not be considered in the judging process.**

<u>Activity: church, community, volunteer</u>	Past 4 School Years-High School/College				<u>Circle ALL applicable years</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
1. _____	2008-2009...	2009-2010...	2010-2011...	2011-2012		_____
2. _____	2008-2009...	2009-2010...	2010-2011...	2011-2012		_____
3. _____	2008-2009...	2009-2010...	2010-2011...	2011-2012		_____
4. _____	2008-2009...	2009-2010...	2010-2011...	2011-2012		_____
5. _____	2008-2009...	2009-2010...	2010-2011...	2011-2012		_____

(con't)

- 6. _____ 2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012 | _____
- 7. _____ 2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012 | _____
- 8. _____ 2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012 | _____

AWARDS/HONORS (Academic, athletic, music, community, etc.)

List the awards and honors you have received for individual achievement during **the past four years**. Be specific. **Do not include attachments.**

<u>Award/Honor</u>	<u>Date of Award</u>	<u>Award/Honor</u>	<u>Date of Award</u>
1. _____		5. _____	
2. _____		6. _____	
3. _____		7. _____	
4. _____		8. _____	

LEADERSHIP ROLES

List the leadership roles [e.g., president, captain, chairperson, editor] you have held during **the past four years**. Include dates of leadership roles. **Do not include attachments.**

<u>Leadership Role</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1. _____	
2. _____	
3. _____	
4. _____	
5. _____	
6. _____	
7. _____	
8. _____	

Extracurricular School Activities

List the extracurricular school activities in high school and/or college (which meet or perform outside the school day) in which you have participated during **the past four years**.

<u>School Activity</u>	<u>Circle ALL Years of Participation</u>
1. _____	2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012
2. _____	2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012
3. _____	2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012
4. _____	2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012
5. _____	2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012
6. _____	2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012
7. _____	2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012
8. _____	2008-2009...2009-2010...2010-2011...2011-2012

EMPLOYMENT

List employers and very brief job descriptions for paid work experience for **the past four years**. Give the number of months worked and the hours per week for each job. Do not write the words “occasionally,” “varied,” “as needed,” etc. for time worked. **There must be numbers in the Total months and Hours per week columns for you to receive credit for that work experience.**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Total Months</u>	<u>Hours per Week</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

PLANS AND OBJECTIVES

Write a statement describing your plans as they relate to your future education, career objectives and goals. Please write no more than 100 words and limit your response to the space provided. **Do not include attachments.**

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Briefly describe any adverse circumstances from your family or personal life, if there are any, which have negatively affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your level of participation in church, school, and community activities. Note: not everyone will complete this section. **Do not include attachments.**

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

1. High school seniors and college students who have **not yet completed 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits of post-secondary education must include an official transcript which includes their high school grades and the ACT label and/or SAT scores. THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL OFFICIAL.**

Applicant's Name _____

At the end of the junior year, applicant ranks _____ in a class of _____

ACT COMP _____ SAT Verbal _____ Math _____

Cumulative GPA _____ on a 4.0 scale – **SCALE MUST BE NOTED IF OTHER THAN 4.0**

School Official's Signature _____

Title _____

Date _____ Phone (____) _____

2. Students currently enrolled in college or vocational-technical school and who have completed 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits must include an official transcript of grades from all post-secondary schools attended within the last five years.

NOTE: We cannot accept transcripts printed from websites on the Internet!

CERTIFICATION

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that as the applicant, it is my sole responsibility to gather and submit all necessary information on or before June 12, 2012 deadline. The address I have given on this application is my permanent home address, not a temporary school address.

This application becomes the property of St. John Lutheran Church.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Proofread and make a copy of your application for your records before submitting.
Send this completed application, an official transcript, and a wallet-sized photograph to:
St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 Lincoln Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060

THIS APPLICATION IS VOID AFTER June 12, 2012