

TRINITY SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

Scholarships are available for any age undergraduate students of Trinity Lutheran Church who intend to pursue additional education beyond high school graduation. All students must be members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Mason City, Iowa, in order to be eligible for the following scholarships. Please note: If you plan to attend a Lutheran College, you will need to apply for and receive a Trinity loan/grant scholarship in order to have funds from the congregation that qualify for matching by the college's EPIC or similar grant program. Applications for MBLien, Moen, Dutcher, and Eller Scholarships/Grants are available in the Church office. These scholarships will be considered for first year students and for students reapplying, based on the following eligibility criteria:

MINNIE B. LIEN LOANS: Available to students enrolling in Lutheran colleges or seminaries and any other college or university program leading to a bachelors degree. Loan/grant awards will be made using the criteria listed below and will be based on attendance at the college applicant lists in the Application. Loans/grants can be applied for annually during such enrollment, not to exceed four years. Loan and grant awards from the Minnie B. Lien Fund are tied together and must both be accepted or rejected. Loan payments made during the first three years following graduation or non-enrollment will be applied to the unpaid loan amount without interest. After three years, the unpaid balances shall bear interest at the rate of 6% per annum. Loan recipients shall submit within a 3-year period after graduation or non-enrollment a repayment plan. Such repayment plan must amortize the debt, including interest, within a 10-year period after graduation or non-enrollment. (By way of example: If you leave school in 2000, a plan must be submitted by 2003 and payment completed by 2010.)

ROSINE PREUS MOEN GRANT: Available to those students enrolling in a career program not to exceed two years in length (i.e. trade/vocational/business/technical etc.). The grant is for one year, renewable for one additional year. If a career program is for longer than two years, consideration will be given to students who continue an additional 1-2 year technical program/degree in the form of an annual loan and grant.

ROBERT I. DUTCHER GRANT: Available to newly graduated high school students enrolling in any college, university or career school. Applicants must have been active in the Sunday School Program during their high school years in order to be eligible. This is a one-time grant.

ARTHUR AND LILLIAN ELLER SCHOLARSHIPS: Awarded equally each year to two Trinity Lutheran Church members. Applicants must have completed their most recent semester (high school or higher education) with a 'B' average, with preference given to those pursuing an Engineering or Education major and to those who show the most financial need. These scholarships are for students pursuing their education at a non-private college or university. Applicants must have been active members and must show their church activities through an essay application. Subsequent awards may be received, but applicants must re-apply and compete for the award each year.

AL AND CLARA LAKE SCHOLARSHIP FUND: This fund is not administered by the Trinity Scholarship Committee but they want Trinity Lutheran Church students to be aware of its availability to them. Please contact your school counselor for further information and applications. This scholarship is available only to Mason City High School and Newman students.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 1 OF EACH YEAR. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

The following criteria will be used in selecting scholarship recipients:

1. Enrollment at a Lutheran college
2. Participation in worship and communion
3. Participation in the life of the church
4. Financial need
5. Grades
6. Enrollment in non-Lutheran, non-private, non-vocational college programs.

A weighted system will be used to determine which students qualify for consideration of the above scholarships.