

## **Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Scholarship Requirements**

Scholarships may be awarded to applicants meeting the following requirements:

1. The student is pursuing an Associate degree, Undergraduate degree and ELCA rostered leadership\* at not-for-profit public or private accredited institutions.
2. The student must be enrolled in undergraduate studies or studies pursuing ELCA rostered leadership\*.
3. The student must be registered as a full-time student in the academic year in which the funds are allocated.
4. The student must be a member of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church who is confirmed and has been actively participating in the life of the church for at least one year.
5. The student must maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA while in college. Students will be expected to provide GPA verification.
6. Scholarships are granted for a time period of one year. To receive subsequent awards, the student must reapply.
7. No more than four one year scholarships will be awarded to any one student. Exceptions can be made for students pursuing Lutheran ordination.
8. The student must complete the application and apply in writing to "The Scholarship Fund Committee" before the established deadline in the year in which the funds are granted.
9. The student must submit a brief 400-500 word essay with the initial application stating how attending college will assist the student in his/her personal call to the chosen field of study. Signing the application grants permission for quotes from essay to be shared.
10. The student must publicly thank the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church congregation and give a brief account of his/her college journey in order to receive future awards. This presentation would be in lieu of a second essay for an applicant who is re-applying for a scholarship award. Preferably, this will take place near the end of the spring term or on designated Graduation weekend.
11. The student must submit a recent 4 x 6 photo of self to be posted in the narthex.
12. The student must provide the address of the Finance Office that receives scholarship awards and necessary student ID to insure the award is posted to the correct account.

\* ELCA rostered leadership includes all who are called by God in Word and Service and Word and Sacrament degrees through ELCA seminary education.