

Trust Fund Scholarship Application Guidelines

Dear Scholarship Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in our Trust Fund Scholarship Awards. Each year Immanuel Lutheran Church (ILC) awards scholarships to members of the congregation who are seeking to achieve degrees from institutions of higher learning. Membership requirements for those applying for the Shonk Scholarship at Saratoga High School do not apply.

For this coming year the following scholarships are available:

1. Shonk Memorial Scholarship, also available to a Saratoga High School Graduate
2. Joseph W. Doherty Memorial Business Scholarship
3. Amundson/Geri Memorial Scholarship
4. Lutheran School Scholarship/ILC Trust Fund Scholarship
5. Richard Johnson Memorial STEM Scholarship

Each Scholarship will be a single award. To be considered for an award, the applicant must submit a written application by Sunday, **MAY 5, 2024** to be emailed to:

anna.popovici@gmail.com

One application can be submitted for all of the scholarships if the individual qualifies for that scholarship. For the Doherty Scholarship, the student's area of study must include either Business Management, Teaching, Audio, Lutheran Theological Education or Visual Arts. For the Johnson Scholarship, the student's area of study must include STEM subjects (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math).

Your applications for the scholarship must include the following:

- A written summary of ILC, school and community involvement during the past four years.
- A written summary of projected educational goals and career plans.
- Transcript of grades to indicate scholarship ability. Also indicate schools applied to and/or Letters of Acceptance.
- A written summary of financial need including expected tuition and living expenses.
- One letter of recommendation from a non-family member, teacher or individual that you have had association with for a number of years. ILC staff members are not eligible.
- A listing of other scholarships applied for or received to date, and any other financial aid that you may receive.

Applications should not be voluminous and each written statement need not be longer than one typewritten page. The review committee is looking for quality and not quantity and our goal is to make the application process a pleasure and not a chore.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ILC ON OR BEFORE
SUNDAY, May 5, 2024 TO BE CONSIDERED**

General comments regarding the Tuition-only Scholarships and Award Process:

- A committee established by the ILC Trust Fund Board of Trustees shall administer the selection process for awards.
- The award(s) shall be presented at ILC during a service to be determined, but tentatively during the month of July.
- There are no restrictions on age, religion or race.
- Applicants should be planning on or attending a college or a technical school of higher learning.
- If the Scholarship Selection Committee determines that no applicant meets the minimum requirement for a scholarship, then no award shall be given.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee may request applicants to attend a scholarship interview with committee members.
- **If selected for an award, it is the student's responsibility to arrange for the school to provide to the ILC Trust fund proof of enrollment and an address where the funds are to be sent before payment can be made.**
- The Trust Fund Board of Trustees reserves the right to make final selection for each of the awards. The awards will be based upon the written application statements, specific and general guidelines established over the years, and each student's scholarship, financial need, and church, school and community involvement. All of these factors shall be considered in making the awards.

Please review the above information regarding our Trust Fund Scholarship Program. We look forward to all students who are eligible to submit applications by MAY 5, 2024. If the tuition funds need to be processed before the June Awards Ceremony please notify the Trust Fund Treasurer, Bill Burk.

If you have any questions regarding your application, please contact Anna Popovici at mobile 650-854-8051 or the church office at 408-867-0822. Thank you very much.

*Matt: 1:23 – “and his name shall be called **Immanuel**, which means **God is with us.**”*