

# **GUIDELINES FOR AWARDING OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID & DEBT REDUCTION — WYOMING DISTRICT**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Student Financial Aid fund is to provide scholarships for the men and women of the Wyoming District to train for full-time service in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) and debt reduction assistance to rostered church workers of the LCMS.

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of Student Financial Aid are to cover five areas of needed assistance. The following five objectives detailed below are in a ranked order:

- 1) Scholarships
- 2) Education loan debt reduction for Wyoming District graduates (first tier)
- 3) To help cover the cost of prospective students looking into full-time Church work visiting a LCMS Seminary, University, College. Will cover the cost of registration and or travel at an official visitation of a LCMS Seminary, University or College; up to \$500.00. This is for a one time visit to a college/University and a one time visit to a Seminary or attendance to Christ Academy per prospective Student.
- 4) Education loan debt reduction for graduates coming into the Wyoming District (second tier)
- 5) Support to any LCMS seminary, university, college, or Luther Classical College, as recommended by the CCS and approved by the Wyoming District Board of Directors.

## **SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES**

- 1) Applicants must complete the Wyoming District Application Form. This form may be downloaded at [wylcms.org](http://wylcms.org).
- 2) Students who apply will receive a minimum amount of assistance per semester, regardless of need, the amount to be determined each year by the Commission of Congregational Services (CCS.)
- 3) Financial aid is available to all men and women attending a Synodically operated seminary, university, college or Luther Classical College for the purpose of preparing for full-time service in the LCMS.
- 4) The application deadline for filing applications with the District shall be May 1.

For those applicants contemplating their training to start in the second (2nd) semester, the deadline for filing applications with the District shall be October 1. Late applications will not normally be accepted, but they may be considered under extenuating circumstances.

- 5) Assistance is awarded for one school year at a time. A new application must be filed each year for which assistance is desired.
- 6) All applicants must be an active communicant member in a LCMS congregation within the Wyoming District. Exceptions may be granted in extenuating circumstances.
- 7) Students who receive assistance from the Wyoming District and transfer their membership to a parish in another District shall continue to receive such assistance to the close of the school year in which the transfer took place.
- 8) Financial assistance is not ordinarily awarded for summer school or during a student's vicarage or internship.
- 9) Applications for assistance for post-graduate work shall be considered only in exceptional cases.
- 10) A student who discontinues or suspends his/her preparations for full-time service in the LCMS must immediately notify the Facilitator.
- 11) Each seminary student will be required to attend a "financial planning" event as provided by the seminary, and any expenses to the student may be covered by the district. For students attending a Synodical university, college or Lutheran Classical College, resources regarding proper financial management will be given.
- 12) **TAXES** All federal, state, and local taxes, including self employment taxes, and any other tax which may be imposed on any amount paid under this program shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant.

## **PROCEDURE FOR MAKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

- 1) Complete the District Application Form and mail to the Facilitator of Student Aid before May 1. The District Application Form can be found at [wylcms.org](http://wylcms.org).
- 2) Sign and date a copy of the Guidelines for Awarding Student Financial Aid – Wyoming District (sign below) and mail to the Facilitator of Student Aid.
- 3) The Wyoming District shall make payment directly to the student to use for educational expenses while preparing for full time church work.

- 4) The student will generally be informed by the Facilitator as soon as he receives all pertinent information.

I certify that I have read the above guidelines and agree to the terms indicated.

**Signature**\_\_\_\_\_ **Date**\_\_\_\_\_

# WYOMING DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Please complete this form and return into the District Student Aid Facilitator by May 1 or sooner.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

MARITAL STATUS: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_

Wife or Husband's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Name/ages of children \_\_\_\_\_

HOME CONGREGATION: \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

## ADDRESSES:

Home: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

College or Seminary: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Summer Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Home: \_\_\_\_\_

SYNODICAL SCHOOL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING:

\_\_\_\_\_

YEAR FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING FINANCIAL AID \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR OF SCHOOL (1<sup>ST</sup>, 2<sup>ND</sup>, Etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you going on vicarage or internship this year? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## MAJOR COURSE OF STUDY:

Pastoral Ministry \_\_\_\_\_ Lutheran Teaching Degree \_\_\_\_\_ Deaconess \_\_\_\_\_

Director of Christian Education \_\_\_\_\_

Other Church related field — Name \_\_\_\_\_

## ESTIMATED INCOME:

Expected summer employment income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Expected work study or employment income: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Expected annual income of spouse: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



**Known grants and scholarships:**

Source \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Aid received from congregation(s) this year:**

Source \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Source \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial aid expected from parents:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**from others:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(If no aid is expected from the sources above, be sure to note with "none")

- A. Total projected income \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Projected costs for academic year \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Actual anticipated unmet needs \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(subtract line a from line b)

**PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING FINANCIAL AID.**

(Outline your need for financial aid - use separate sheet if needed)

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<hr/> Signature of Applicant	<hr/> Date	<hr/> Signature of your Pastor	<hr/> Date
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**SEND APPLICATION TO:**

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