



Ministry Investment Funds

2019-2020 Winstrom Youth Service Scholarship Application

FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS

Thank you for your interest in applying for a 2019-2020 Winstrom Youth Scholarship.

If this is your initial application, please submit a **First Time Application** form. If you are a current recipient, please submit a **Renewal Application**. Please take care to submit the correct form.

Note all completed and signed paperwork must be received in the Church Office (or postmarked) on or before **March 1, 2019**.

Late applications WILL NOT be considered.

Please be sure you have reviewed all eligibility requirements.

Scholarship recipients will receive a letter of acceptance in April or May 2019 and will be recognized during a Sunday Church service in June (date to be announced). It is expected you will attend. In addition, recipients must also contribute to a video which will be shown to the congregation during the Church recognition.

Morning Star members are blessed by the generosity of our donors and by the opportunity this scholarship gives for recognizing dedicated youth service to Morning Star Lutheran Church. The many ways our youth members serve in the church and through our church are valuable to, and also valued by, our congregation and others we serve.

Sincerely,

Morning Star Ministry Investment Funds Committee

Morning Star Youth Service Scholarship Information Sheet

Purpose:

- Recognize youth who have provided active service to support the community and programs of Morning Star Lutheran Church.
- Assist Morning Star high school graduates in their pursuit of post-secondary undergraduate studies.
- Award qualifying students with one year scholarships for up to four years maximum.

Eligibility:

- Must be a member of Morning Star Lutheran Church, which will include documented church service attendance during the calendar year prior to the award year.
- Must have a history of active service as a youth at Morning Star.
- Must pursue full-time study at an accredited post-secondary institution (minimum 12 hours per semester).
- Must graduate from high school with a minimum GPA of 2.5.
- Must maintain a minimum college GPA of 2.5 in order to be considered for recurring scholarship awards.
- Each school year is an independent decision and students must reapply.
- Recipients may receive no more than 4 individual annual scholarships.

Considerations:

- Preference is given to youth who serve the church as acolytes.
- Other service which supports the operation the church and church programs is also important. (Examples include lay reader, Sunday school assistant, special music, choir, usher.)
- Extended community service sponsored/organized by Morning Star directly, or through the Nebraska Synod, will also be considered

Dates:

- **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE BY 4:30^{PM} ON March 1, 2019.**
Applications received after the deadline date and time will **NOT** be considered.
- Awards are typically announced to the congregation in June.
- Applications will be available in the Church Office late November or Early December.

For Office Use:

Application Received (Date/Time) _____
Member of Morning Star _____
Attendance _____
Acolyte _____
GPA _____
Thank You Received (Date) _____

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1. APPLICANT INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE CHURCH OFFICE OF ANY CHANGES IN YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WHILE YOU ARE APPLYING AND/OR WHILE YOU ARE A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT.

NAME _____
LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

ADDRESS _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE (_____) _____ HOME

(_____) _____ CELL

E-MAIL _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

2. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: YOUR MOST RECENT ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION.

POST-SECONDARY STATUS FALL 2019: FR SO JR SR *(Circle One)*

WILL YOU LIVE On Campus Off Campus Commute *(Circle One)*

ROUGH ESTIMATE OF OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES, EXCLUDING COSTS COVERED BY SCHOLARSHIPS OR GRANTS _____

HIGH SCHOOL FROM WHICH YOU GRADUATED: _____

DATE OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION: _____ RANK _____ IN CLASS OF _____

CUMULATIVE HIGH SCHOOL GPA: _____

PLEASE NOTE: A MINIMUM GPA OF 2.5 IS REQUIRED.

COLLEGE OR POST-SECONDARY PROGRAMS TO WHICH YOU HAVE APPLIED AND/OR WILL ENROLL:

1. _____ ACCEPTED _____ ENROLLED _____

2. _____ ACCEPTED _____ ENROLLED _____

3. _____ ACCEPTED _____ ENROLLED _____

THIS SECTION IS ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING AN UNDER-GRADUATE COLLEGE BUT WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED A MSLC SCHOLARSHIP:

Institution Currently Attending: _____

Institution planning to attend Fall 2019: _____

Program of Study: _____

Current GPA: _____

3. MORNING STAR YOUTH INVOLVEMENT AND PARTICIPATION

ARE YOU A CURRENT MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF MORNING STAR LUTHERAN CHURCH?

YES NO (Circle One)

(Synod Guideline: Attend and commune at least once in the past 12 months.)

HOW LONG HAS YOUR FAMILY BEEN MEMBERS AT MORNING STAR? _____

PLEASE LIST FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF MORNING STAR.

DATE AND PLACE OF BAPTISM _____

DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST COMMUNION _____

DATE AND PLACE OF CONFIRMATION _____

Please list activities and service in which you have participated at and/or for Morning Star prior to High School graduation. Include comments as to your level of participation. As examples, the number of Sundays you have been an Acolyte or the years you helped or taught Sunday School would be important to the criteria. Additional service might include participation in choir, being a reader, special music, special church-sponsored service projects, such as Service Sundays, Food for Friends, helping decorate the Church at Christmas, helping with Easter activities, youth representative on committees, activities sponsored by the Lutheran Synod, etc.

NOTE THAT SERVICE DONE OUTSIDE OF CHURCH (as in meeting school service requirements or other individual activities) WHILE APPRECIATED AND IMPORTANT, IS NOT WITHIN THE PARAMETERS OF THIS SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA.

ACTIVITY

HOW OFTEN

COMMENTS

Use additional pages, if needed.

4. FAITH AND SERVICE STATEMENTS

PLEASE SEPARATELY ATTACH YOUR RESPONSES (*estimated 200-300 words*) TO THE FOLLOWING FOUR QUESTIONS:

- A. How has the Morning Star community influenced and/or supported your faith journey?
- B. Please describe your thoughts as to the role and responsibilities of youth in regards to service within the church.
- C. What goals do you have or what opportunities do you anticipate for your coming college experience
- D. Where do you see yourself in 5 years? 10 years?

PLEASE REVIEW YOUR APPLICATION, ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS, AND SIGN YOUR APPLICATION. SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO THE CHURCH OFFICE (ATTN: MIF).

- 1. Have you answered every question?
- 2. Have you attached your transcript? (*Your transcript does not need to be official, but it does need to be the most current.*)
- 3. What is the mandatory due date for this application?

The information and answers on my application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature and Date Required