2020-2021 Winstrom Youth Service Scholarship Application

FOR FIRST TIME APPLICANTS

Thank you for your interest in applying for a 2020-2021 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, 2020.

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 2020 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
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, 2020.
  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.
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Deadline is March 1, 2020

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 2020:     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 ____
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.

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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 your 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