



ANTHONY D AND JEANNE M TURTZO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME:			
ADDRESS:			
DATE OF BIRTH:			
EMAIL:			
Are you a confirmed church member? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
How many total times have you attended worship at <u>any</u> Church in the last year? Please feel free to provide additional comments in response if necessary.			
What School are you planning on attending next year?			
What year are you entering as? Sophomore: <input type="checkbox"/> Junior: <input type="checkbox"/> Senior: <input type="checkbox"/> Seminary: <input type="checkbox"/>			
What is the anticipated total annual school cost?			
What is your intended Major?			
What is your overall grade point average?			

I have read and understand the guidelines for eligibility and receiving an award. To the best of my knowledge the information I have provided is true and accurate. I authorize the release of the information to the members of the Scholarship Committee.

Signature:		
Printed Name:		Date:

Note: Application Deadline: Noon, Monday May 11, 2026.

**Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Attn: Scholarship Committee
2445 Lake Minsi Drive
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Dear Student,

Thank you for your interest in applying for a scholarship through the Anthony D and Jeanne M Turtzo Scholarship Fund. Please use this document as a guide to complete your application. Please review and understand the following application guidelines before applying:

General:

- By the general guidelines set forth in the scholarship fund, first consideration is to be given to any Seminary student intending to be an ordained minister in the ELCA. If a Seminary student and multiple non-Seminary student applications are received, all applications will be considered and awarded to a maximum of three (3) applicants. If no Seminary student applications are received then the scholarship fund will be awarded to a maximum of three (3) applicants.
- Applicants must be second year or higher student at a four-year college, community college, technical school or applying for a Seminary degree. Transferring to a new school will not affect your application.
- Application will only be accepted for students pursuing an undergraduate degree or Seminary degree. Applications will not be accepted for other graduate or post-graduate degree students.
- There is no age limit.
- Must be an active church member of Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church demonstrated by past or present history.
- Maintain good academic standing with at least 3.0 GPA or its equivalent.
- This application is good for the application year only. If applicable, please feel free to reapply next year.
- Attach a letter of recommendation from an official of the institute you are attending.
- If necessary, the Scholarship Fund committee may decide to interview individual applicants regarding their responses. This may be necessary in a situation where there are many applications or further detail is required. This does not mean that all candidates will be interviewed.
- Awarded checks will be made out to the institution the student is attending.
- Applications received past the application deadline of noon, Monday, May 11th, 2026 will not be considered. Any applications received after Church office hours will not be accepted.

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- Applications must be typed. No handwritten applications will be accepted.

Financial:

- This application is to apply for a scholarship and will be made out to the institution the student is attending.

Review and Scoring:

- Since only three applicants can be awarded per year this will be a competitive application for consideration when more than three applications are received. Your application will be reviewed and scored based on the following criteria (alphabetical order only):

Deliverables:

As part of the application process, you are responsible for completing and returning the following items:

- A typed and signed completed application form
- An application response in either of the following two formats:
 - a. A minimum 500 word typed essay addressing all response questions listed below
 - b. Free form response – Applicants can respond using their own creativity and profile. However, the response must minimally address all questions listed below

Response Questions:

- Do you believe in God? If yes, why?
 - List special honors, awards and achievements
 - Describe in detail your past spiritual journey and experiences
 - Describe in detail any extracurricular activities involving your faith and community
- Attach a letter of recommendation from an official of the institute you are attending.

If you have any questions, you may contact the church office either via e-mail at poplcbangor@gmail.com or by phone at (610) 588-2355.

We appreciate your interest and will be in contact with you as needed to address any questions we may have about your application, or to schedule any necessary interviews. Please be sure to submit all required information prior to the application deadline. All applicants will be notified of the committee's decision no later

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than Sunday 6/7/2026. All decisions made by the Scholarship Committee will be final. Thank you, and we wish you all the best on your educational pursuits.

**Yours in Christ,
the POP Scholarship Committee**

The entire completed scholarship application must be received at Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church by noon, Monday May 11, 2026. (During Church Office Hours).

Completed DIGITAL APPLICATIONS can be e-mailed to the church office at poplcbangor@gmail.com and PRINTED APPLICATIONS can be submitted by postal mail to the church address below. All application forms must be physically signed. *You will receive an email confirmation of receipt.*

Mailing Address:

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SCORING RUBRIC FOR THE TURTZO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD(S) (For POP Scholarship Committee use only).

APPLICANT NAME: _____

PLEASE NOTE: This scoring rubric is based on a possible 100-point total (although in certain instances, more than 100 points may be possible). But the points earned do not correspond to the traditional letter grades of A, B, C, etc. It is merely a way to determine which applicants for the Turtzo Scholarship should receive one. The five criteria are:

1. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, i.e., GPA (20 points)

4.00 and above	20 pts.
3.75 – 3.99	18 pts.
3.50 – 3.74	16 pts.
3.25 – 3.49	14 pts.
3.00 – 3.25	12 pts.

Additional 2 pts for more than one major.

Criteria 1. SCORE: _____

2. CHURCH PRESENCE: i.e., involvement and attendance (10 points)

In-person attendance (at any church, chapel, etc.) should be counted toward attendance during the 2023-2024 calendar year, as should participation in faith-based activities (including community service activities) that take place during normal worship times.

Every week:	10 pts.
Twice a month:	9 pts.
Once a month:	8 pts.
Once every 2 months:	7 pts.
Anything else:	5 pts.

Criteria 2. SCORE: _____

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3. TECHNICAL QUALITY OF THE APPLICATION (10 points)

TO EARN THE FULL 10 POINTS:

The application should be complete (no missing fields on page 1 of the application form) to the limit of the applicant's knowledge at the time of application. *(PLEASE NOTE: Many schools do not calculate their next year's scholarship awards until after the end of the current school year; therefore, an applicant may not know his/her anticipated cost for the following year before the application deadline.)* The GPA should be correct as of the end of the previous semester *(with documentation to be provided upon request, if necessary.)*

The essay should meet the minimum 500-word criteria *(at least one full page, single spaced, with 10-12 pt. font and no more than 1" margins)* without unnecessary repetition. All four areas of response should be clearly addressed with specific examples and/or details provided for each. There should be either very few or no grammatical errors (i.e., spelling, punctuation, etc.)

DEDUCTIONS/ADDITIONS: *(starting from a base score of 10 points)*

Deduct 1 pt. for each missing field on page 1 of the application form *(unless related to cost as described above)*

Deduct 2 pts. if the minimum length is not met or if it is met only through repetition.

Deduct 2 pts. each if any of the four response questions are not addressed *(statement of faith, special awards, past spiritual journey, and extra-curricular activities)*.

Deduct 1 pt. if there are a noticeable number of errors in grammar-spelling, punctuation, etc.

Add 1-2 pts. if the essay is exceptionally detailed and/or exceptionally creative

Criteria 3. SCORE: _____

4. ESSAY CONTENT (10 points for each question, 40 points total)

a) Question #1 (Statement of Faith): "Do you believe in God? If yes, why?"

There should be at least one detailed explanation of the applicant's reason and/or affirmation for his/her belief. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to quantify this kind of response: the evaluator must use his/her own judgment. (It may be helpful to read all the applicants' responses to this question and then rank them in order to assign points. The "best" response to this question might receive the full 10 points, the "next best" 8 or 9 points, etc. But it is possible that more than one response will be equally impressive and should receive the same number of points. It also possible that, among any year's



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applicants, even the "best" response may not be worthy of a "10".

PLEASE NOTE: An applicant should not be penalized if his/her response to this question differs very little from his/her previous year's response to the same question, as this represents the result of a lifetime's experience and journey into faith.

ESSAY QUESTION #1 SCORE: _____

b) Question #2: Special Honors, Awards, and other Achievement

Award 2 points for each item listed up to a maximum of 10 points. ESSAY QUESTION #2 SCORE: _____

c) Question #3: "Describe in detail your past spiritual journey and experiences."

There should be at least one full paragraph detailing each specific event in the applicant's spiritual journey, whether it describes a step forward or a struggle. *As with Question #1, it is difficult, if not impossible, to quantify this kind of response: the evaluator must use his/her own judgment. (Again, it may be helpful to read all the applicants' responses to Question #3 and rank them in order to assign points. The "best" response to this question might receive the full 10 points, the "next best" 8 or 9 points, etc. It is also possible that more than one response will be equally impressive and should receive the same number of points. Also, keep in mind that, among any year's group of applicants, it is possible that even the "best" response may not be worthy of a "10".)*

ESSAY QUESTION #3 SCORE: _____

d) Question #4: "Describe in detail any extracurricular activities that involve your faith and community."

Award 2 points for each item listed up to a maximum of 10 points.

ESSAY QUESTION #4 SCORE: _____

PART 4 (Essay Questions 1,2,3&4) TOTAL SCORE: _____



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5. **SEMINARY STATUS:** Are you now or will you be in the next school year a student at an ELCA seminary studying to become a Lutheran pastor?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Add 20 points if "YES" _____

6. **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** Has a letter of recommendation been included with the application?

YES ☐

NO ☐

Add 10 points if "YES" _____

OVERALL TOTAL: _____

EVALUATOR (SIGN name) _____

EVALUATOR (print name) _____

DATE: _____