

**THRIVE COMMUNITY (v.3.20.2026)  
2026-2027 APPLICATION for THRIVE COMMUNITY INTERNSHIPS**



**Full Name: Date of Birth:**

**Address/ City / State / Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

### **Instructions:**

- ❖ **Application Deadline for the 2026-2027 School Year: APRIL 15, 2026**
- ❖ **Please copy/paste or re-write all of these questions into your own word document or google doc.**
- ❖ **As a reminder, applying for the THRIVE Community internship program assumes:**
  - That you will be enrolled in undergrad, seminary, or other approved ministry training classes
  - That you will be available to manage the 15-20 Hours/Wk for your internship
  - That you have a desire to share the Gospel and grow in your ability to do so
- ❖ **When completed, please send to Pastor Andrew Potratz ([andrew.potratz@immanuelstorycity.org](mailto:andrew.potratz@immanuelstorycity.org)) in a Word or Google format that we can comment on if needed.**

### **Internship Scope and Logistics**

1. Please share a paragraph about how you learned about the THRIVE Community Internship Program and what excites you about potentially becoming an intern.
2. Which area(s) of focus would you be most interested in if you were to be a part of THRIVE? Why do you feel led to these particular areas? Share with us your experiences leading & investing in these areas? (Please share a paragraph or two.)
3. How do you expect to use your time outside of your internship?  
(For example, what kind of part-time job interests you? What sort of college or seminary classes would you take? Do you have other commitments, significant others, or passions that will influence your time outside of your internship and schooling?)
4. Since you will be enrolled in classes, tell us more about your timing goals. Are you interested in starting your internship in the summer or the school year, and would you

like to go through May or the following summer? Additional years can be applied for based on interest and review of time already served in this internship.

## **Your Personal, Church, and Faith Background**

We'd love to hear more about your faith story, why you are working towards vocational ministry, and how God has worked in your life up to this point. Please share a paragraph or two for each question. You can combine these questions and answers into one longer essay if you prefer.

1. Share with us your experience of faith. How does being a Christian inform and impact your daily life today? How does the Bible figure into your life?
2. What does it mean to you to share your faith with others?
3. Take some time to read through the Apostle's and/or Nicene Creed. Which parts do you find particularly important and moving? Do any aspects of the creed raise questions for you? If so, please specify.
4. Immanuel Lutheran Church is unapologetically Lutheran, but we are made up of members with a variety of different church backgrounds. Our pastors also have experience in multiple church streams. In a few sentences, what is your experience with the Lutheran Church, and/or what is your experience in terms of other Christian denominations or streams?

## **Personal Reflection**

1. What are your greatest strengths? Weaknesses?
2. What questions do you have about this internship program? Do you have any hesitations? If so, what are they?
3. As a part of this program, you will have mentors, leaders, and supervisors watching your life with intentionality to provide guidance, encouragement, and accountability. Do you feel comfortable with that at this point in your life?
4. What feedback have you received from others about your personality, your gifts, your work ethic, and your overall presence?

## **Please Provide the Following with your Application:**

1. A one-page professional resume listing recent work and volunteer experience, as well as education background (and progress).

2. Names, Phone Numbers, and Email contact info for at least THREE references.
  - a. One from a Pastor or Spiritual mentor
  - b. One from an employer or supervisor
  - c. One from a (non-family) friend or colleague as a character reference
3. Plans for your schooling enrollment(if not already in school), degree being pursued, projected timeline for graduation(and proof of enrollment if already enrolled).
4. Any questions not covered above that we can be prepared to answer via email or in an interview setting.

**By signing below,**

I understand that applying does not guarantee acceptance.

I understand the scope and expectations of this program.

I understand and affirm the intentional Christian emphasis and structure to this program.

I understand that I will be required to be enrolled in seminary, undergrad, or other approved ministry programs to be considered for this program.

I have read and am in agreement with the faith statements and DNA of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Story City, Iowa, and LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ).

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_