



**Date Approved: April 20, 2010.....**  
**Approved By: Bethel Lutheran Foundation .....**

**Title: The Ruth Adams Memorial Scholarship Fund**

**Policy**

The Ruth Adams Memorial Scholarship Fund is to be used exclusively for Bethel Lutheran School and Preschool scholarships. Students of Bethel members should receive priority in the awarding of grants but do not need to be the only recipients.

The Fund principal shall be conservatively invested to minimize risk and optimize return on the invested funds. Two (2) \$500 grants from the Adams Scholarship Fund will be made annually to the Bethel Lutheran School and Preschool upon request by the School Board, or their designated scholarship committee.

**Administration**

The Foundation will receive Adams Scholarship funds through its normal channels for the current and future time frame. The Foundation Board will manage the funds in a manner that preserves principal, provides optimum yield, provides needed liquidity, and minimizes risk (this may require co-mingling of Fund assets with other Foundation assets). Generally, this means that certificates of deposits and investment grade bonds will be the investment vehicles. The Foundation will make available two (2) grants of \$500 annually from the interest and principal to Bethel Lutheran School and Preschool. The Bethel Lutheran School Board, or their designated representative, will request these funds using the Foundation's standard memorial request form and will determine the students who receive the grants using their normal selection process. The student recipient names are confidential and are not to be shared with the Foundation Board.

The Foundation will provide these funds at the start of each school year beginning in August 2010. A separate accounting of the Adams Scholarship Funds will occur annually to show balance, interest earned and disbursements.

The Adams Scholarship Fund is not a pure endowment. Since interest and principal will be used to fund the annual grants, the Fund has a finite life. (With the initial gift of \$5,000 and with a 2.0% interest rate, funds will be available to make grants for at least five years with a partial grant in year six.) If additional contributions are made to the Adams Scholarship Fund, the period of time that grants can be made will be extended.

**Goal**

The Ruth Adams Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide monetary assistance to Bethel Lutheran School elementary and preschool students with an identified need. The Foundation Board will ensure that the funds are invested properly and are available when requested. The Bethel Lutheran School Board will ensure the two annual grants are made to the appropriate students.

