

MIM/WELCA/MEMORIAL
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION BYLAWS

St. John Lutheran Church
of Bellville, Texas

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I.

The St. John Lutheran Church Scholarship Fund was originally established by St. John Men in Mission, St. John Women of the E.L.C.A., and the Trust Fund of St John Lutheran Church of Bellville. In later years, additional funds for scholarships were added from the Lucille & Curtis Kaechele Memorial, the Selma & Romeo Iselt Memorial, the Robert Reinecke Memorial, and the Max Nehrkorn Memorial.

II.

All scholarship funds shall be administered by the Scholarship Fund Committee. This committee shall be composed of two members of the Men in Mission, two members of the Women of the ELCA, two members of the Christian Education Committee, and two members of the Evangelism Committee.

III.

Scholarships shall be awarded in the following manner: 1) One hundred percent (100%) shall be given to the recipient after receipt of registration and proof of payment to the school has been received by the church office. The scholarship may be used for the fall or spring semester of the school or college the recipient chooses to attend. 2) If the recipient chooses a school or college that does not hold to the traditional fall or spring semester schedule, the Scholarship Fund Committee may adapt the above procedure to the given circumstances. Any scholarship grant funds unused by a recipient shall be redistributed by the Scholarship Fund Committee at their discretion.

IV.

To be eligible to receive a scholarship grant, the applicant must be an active member of St. John Lutheran Church of Bellville for at least one year prior to being awarded the scholarship grant. A graduating high school senior, or a current student in a college or university, or a trade/business school may apply for this scholarship. Applications will be available from the church office in early spring. Scholarship grant recipients will usually be chosen each year before the end of the spring school semester. An applicant may receive both a Men in Mission/Women of the E.L.C.A. Scholarship as well as a Memorial Scholarship in the same year. However, an applicant is eligible to receive scholarship funds for four years during his/her post-high school education.

V.

Those who wish to apply for this scholarship grant must make an application through the

Scholarship Fund Committees of St. John Lutheran Church. The Scholarship Fund Committee shall base its decision on the following criteria:

1) Active participation as a member of St. John Lutheran Church of Bellville or in a church where they are attending college-40%, 2) Character/Integrity-20%, 3) Scholastic Ability-15%, 4) Participation in high school or college activities- 15%, and 5) Community Involvement-10%, in that order.

VI.

The purpose for the creation and existence of this fund shall be to 1) recognize the achievements of the recipients and reward them accordingly and 2) encourage the youth of our parish to be active in church and school activities, and be successful in the same.

VII

The provisions and terms of this Fund as hereinabove stated may only be altered, amended or revoked by a majority vote of the members of the Men in Mission, the Women of the ELCA, the Christian Education Committee, and the Evangelism Committee at any one of their regular meetings.

VIII

All decisions of the Scholarship Fund Committee shall be final.

