

Application Information for District School Scholarship Funds

The Nebraska District – LCMS has established a fund for the purpose of assisting families to pay tuition costs for students who wish to attend elementary or secondary schools operated by Congregations and Recognized Service Organizations of the Nebraska District – LCMS. Qualified schools may apply for consideration of use of those funds.

A qualified school is any elementary or secondary school in the Nebraska District - LCMS operated by a Congregation or Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod not for profit. Such schools may not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin, and must fulfill the accreditation or approval requirements established by the State Board of Education.

Funds will be distributed based on student need and available funds. Schools should list no more than five students. Other parameters will be set according to the number of applications and the amount of funds available, with a goal of making a significant impact for a few, rather than little impact for many. Schools must be able to verify student need. Awarded funds will be sent directly to the school for application to the tuition needs of the students listed on the application. Applications must be received in the district office by June 1 of the approaching school year. Awards will be announced in July of the same year.

Annual Report for Schools Receiving Scholarship Funds

Schools will receive an annual report form with the application form in January. This Annual Report Form must be submitted to the Nebraska District - LCMS office by June 1 of the academic year funds are received. **Schools failing to submit this Annual Report Form by the deadline make themselves ineligible to receive funds the next year.**

Fund Rules:

- (a) The fund is exempt from federal income taxation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- (b) The fund will offer one or more scholarship programs that provide:
 - (i) **First-time scholarships** to eligible students who:
 - (A) are entering kindergarten in a qualified school,
 - (B) are transferring from a public school to a qualified school,
 - (C) are transferring from a non-public school to a qualified school, or
 - (D) are entering a qualified school from a home school, and are entering any of grades kindergarten through twelve;
 - (ii) **Ongoing scholarships** to eligible students who have received a first-time scholarship until such student leaves the school by graduation, transfer, or other means providing funds are available.
- (c) Donors to the fund may not designate all or any part of the contribution the fund for the direct benefit of any eligible student specifically identified by the donor.
- (d) Awards to schools will be based to some extent on the amount of financial aid for school tuition given to the applying students by the enrolling school.

Application Form

This form must be received in the Nebraska District LCMS office by June 1. Forms arriving after that date will not be considered.

Date: _____

Name of School: _____ School Phone: _____

School Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Name of School Administrator: _____

2018-2019 cost per student: \$_____ and student tuition: \$_____

Anticipated K-12 enrollment for 2018-2019 school year: _____

Please circle your perception of the community your school serves:

Inner City Rural Village Small Town City

Percentage of enrolled students not members of an LCMS congregation: _____%

Number of enrolled students baptized during the concluding academic year: _____

In the space below, please describe the overall financial picture for the school.

Qualifying Students

Each school may apply for up to five students
Eligible students must be enrolled in a qualified school

Student #1

Name of student:

(Record the name of only one student. Do not list an entire family. If an entire family is in need, list each student separately below.)

Grade level:

Evidence of Need:

(Assign a numerical value for evidence of need as determined by family income according to the following scale.)

4 - Poverty Level

3 - Qualify for federal free and reduced lunch program

2 - Triple the poverty level (income is 3 times higher than the poverty level)

1 - Quadruple the poverty level (income is 4 times higher than the poverty level)

1. Current school cost per student:

Line 1

(Record the current cost of educating one student in your school. This amount is to be the same for all the students listed.)

2. Current tuition required from family by school agreement:

Line 2

(Record the amount you negotiate with this family to actually pay toward this student's cost of education. Do not just list your school's advertised tuition figure for this student unless you expect full payment.)

3. Current financial aid granted to student by the school:

Line 3

(Record the amount your school assists the student in paying your school's cost per student as listed on line 1 above. This is not forgiven tuition, but costs paid with an assistance fund established by your school for this purpose.)

4. Total paid toward the cost per student:

Line 4

(Please add the amounts you listed on lines 2 and 3 above. Add the amount you actually require the parents to pay for this student plus the amount the school adds to their payment toward the actual cost. These two amounts are the total paid toward the cost per student.)

5. Unmet Need:

Line 5

(This is the amount not covered by payments from parents and school assistance. Please subtract the amount on line 4 from the amount on line 1. This gives the amount of the student cost not covered by the parents and the assistance fund from the school.)

Student #2

Name of student:

(Record the name of only one student. Do not list an entire family. If an entire family is in need, list each student separately below.)

Grade level:

Evidence of Need:

(Assign a numerical value for evidence of need as determined by family income according to the following scale.)

4 - *Poverty Level*

3 - *Qualify for federal free and reduced lunch program*

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Student #3

Name of student:

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Grade level:

Evidence of Need:

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Grade level:

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Student #5

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Grade level:

Evidence of Need:

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