

NORTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT-LCMS STUDENT GRANT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Purpose

Funds administered by the District Committee for Student Grants do not constitute a scholarship in the sense that they are earned by superior achievement, academic or otherwise, nor are they intended to be gifts to attract students to our synodical schools. The sole purpose of the student aid fund is to make it possible for young men and women, who lack financial resources and who already have the desire and ability, to train for full-time service in the church.

Procedures for Making Application

1. Contact your school's financial aid office to get the **District Financial Aid Application** and return it to your school before **May 15**. The form can also be found on the NWDLCMS.ORG website under Financial Resources/Financial Aid.
2. The NWD will make payment on behalf of the student directly to the business office of the school attended, by September 1.
3. Questions may be directed to chair Andy Heren (715) 715-379-8623 or rcktnut007@aol.com

Eligibility

1. District financial support is available to all college and seminary students who are attending a synodically operated school to prepare for full-time service in the church as a pastor, teacher, deaconess, parish worker, DCE, lay assistant or other full-time ministry position. Aid is granted for one school year at a time; half for the fall semester, half for the spring. The student must carry a credit load that is considered full-time. A new application must be filed each year.
2. All single applicants for student aid must hold communicant membership in a parish within the North Wisconsin District.
3. Single students who are receiving aid from the district and transfer their communicant membership to a parish in another district shall continue to receive such aid to the close of the semester in which the transfer took place.
4. Married applicants who receive their first financial assistance from this district may continue to make application here, even though they transfer communicant membership to a parish in the district where they are attending school.
5. Student aid is not ordinarily granted for summer school sessions.
6. Applications for assistance for post-graduate work and vicarage shall be considered only in exceptional cases.
7. Other situations than those mentioned in the above paragraphs may be brought to the attention of the committee and will be dealt with on an individual basis (example: DCM, SMP). Other situations must be aligned with the wishes of the donor and approved by the District President.

Student Responsibility

It is assumed the recipient of aid will:

1. Take advantage of every opportunity (especially in the summer) to earn as much as possible toward his/her educational expenses.
2. Tap every other source for financial help.
3. Lead a Christian life and diligently apply self to his/her studies and maintain as high a scholastic standing as God-given abilities allow, while maintaining no less than a 2.0 GPA (scholastic reports may be requested by the committee from the school of the applicant).
4. Serve no less than 2 years in full-time church work upon graduation.
5. Communicate with the committee chair as to any leaves of absence, discontinuation of studies, transfer of communicant membership, or other circumstances which might have a bearing on the granting of student aid.
6. In the event that church vocation studies are discontinued or the recipient does not enter full-time church work, the grant(s) shall be considered a loan and repaid to the North Wisconsin District.
7. Send a letter of thanks to the NWD, used to promote the generosity and value of the program.

Procedures for Distribution

1. Scholarship team is in place
 - a. Chair appointed by senior staff
 - b. Chair recruits team of 3-5
 - c. Team is a mix of layleaders and churchworkers
 - d. Requests are received from the Concordias and seminaries
2. Prior year balances (by December 31) are gathered.
3. Investment distribution rules are communicated and applied for each donor gift.
4. Earnings are provided to the chair and assigned senior staff.
5. Calculations for distribution are created:
 - a. Base amount
 - b. Additional per year in school
 - c. Additional for pre-seminary
 - d. Additional for seminary/Deaconess
 - e. Additional for Camp Luther (\$700 NWD/\$350other), see attached. Camp Luther provides list of fulltime church workers working full-time at camp, by June 1.
6. Awards and names are communicated to NWD financial office and senior staff
7. Award letters mailed by July 15

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