

**PASTOR'S EVALUATION**  
**District Scholarship Fund**

The following named applicant is a member of your congregation and is applying for a scholarship grant from the Southern Illinois District. To assist the committee in evaluating this applicant, please complete the questions below.

No grant will be awarded without this character reference from the applicant's pastor.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

School applicant will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_ (years)

What personal characteristics of the applicant make him/her a suitable candidate for the professional ministry of the church? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In which areas of congregational life has the applicant been engaged in recent years?  
Sunday school teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Youth activities \_\_\_\_\_ VBS \_\_\_\_\_ Choir \_\_\_\_\_  
Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's attitude toward his/her educational responsibilities:  
positive \_\_\_\_\_ fair \_\_\_\_\_ poor \_\_\_\_\_ unknown \_\_\_\_\_

Does your knowledge of the financial situation of the family indicate a need for a scholarship grant? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Does your congregation offer financial assistance for future professional church workers?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Has the applicant been advised to make use of such assistance if available?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Additional remarks: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this Evaluation by June 15 to:

Southern Illinois District, Attention: Scholarship Committee  
2408 Lebanon Avenue  
Belleville, IL 62221

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Southern Illinois District  
(DEADLINE: June 15)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_
4. Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_
5. Pastor \_\_\_\_\_
6. Parents \_\_\_\_\_
7. Father's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
8. Names and Ages of Siblings \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Indicate siblings attending school away from home \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. Is the applicant married? \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children \_\_\_\_\_
11. Education:                      Name and Location of School                      Graduation Date  
a. Grade school: \_\_\_\_\_  
b. High school: \_\_\_\_\_  
c. College: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Which synodical school will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Which grade will you be entering? \_\_\_\_\_
14. For which profession do you intend to prepare?        ( ) Pastor        ( ) Teacher  
( ) Deaconess        ( ) Director of Christian Education        ( ) Parish Worker  
( ) Lay Assistant        ( ) Other
15. Will you have a car? \_\_\_\_\_ Your own or registered in another name? \_\_\_\_\_

## **SCHOLARSHIP FUND GUIDELINES SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT**

- A.
- 1) The Southern Illinois District annually has available a sum of money to be distributed as scholarship assistance to students of the District. By Board of Directors action the District Scholarship Committee has been directed to give financial assistance to students preparing for full-time church work at a university or seminary operated by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.
  - 2) Scholarships will only be granted to full-time students working towards a bachelor's degree, Master of Divinity degree, or in the seminary certificate program.
  - 3) Applications for scholarship grants will be considered on the basis of student need, school recommendation, District policy and funds available.
  - 4) To assure a more accurate estimate of each applicants need, an objective analysis is made by the Financial Aid Officer of the respective seminary or university. **A completed FAFSA must be on file with the respective seminary or university, no later than June 15, in order for a grant to be awarded.** The District Scholarship Committee will use their recommended figure to assist in determining the amount of scholarship assistance to be awarded.
  - 5) Scholarship grants are made for educational fees and room and board. Monies are remitted directly to the university or seminary, at the beginning of each semester or quarter.
  - 6) Funds will be allocated each year for one academic year at a time.
  - 7) Scholarship grants are made available from the member churches of the Southern Illinois District. The applicant shall be a communicant member of a congregation in the Southern Illinois District. Students are expected to maintain at least a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. The Scholarship Committee may withdraw a scholarship if the student's department is unsatisfactory. Applicants are encouraged to make full use of scholarship grants available from home congregations or other church agencies before requesting a District grant.
  - 8) Following graduation and initial placement, the worker is expected to serve in a full-time professional ministry at least one (1) year for each year of student aid provided.
  - 9) Students who discontinue their studies, unless for health reasons or other valid circumstances, shall repay to the District all money paid on their behalf.

- B. Procedure (for first time applicants)
- 1) The deadline for submitting requests for scholarship applications to the Southern Illinois District is June 15 of each year. The Financial Aid Application is to be submitted to the Financial Aid Office of the respective university or seminary as soon after January 1 as possible, but no later than May 15.
  - 2) For first time students, upon receipt of request for scholarship application forms, the District Scholarship Committee will send the following:
    - a) The District Financial Aid Application - to be completed by the applicant and parent (or spouse, if applicable). This form is to be sent to the Financial Aid Office of the university or seminary you are attending. **Also, the applicant must send a completed FAFSA to the respective seminary or university, no later than June 15, in order for a grant to be awarded.**
    - b) Scholarship Application - to be completed by the applicant and parent (or spouse, if applicable). This form is to be mailed to the Southern Illinois District, 2408 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, IL 62221 attn: Scholarship Committee.
    - c) Pastor's Evaluation - to be completed by the Pastor of your congregation and returned to the Scholarship Committee at the Southern Illinois District, 2408 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, IL 62221. A grant cannot be made without the return of this character reference.
- C. All returning students can get a District Financial Aid Application from the attending university or seminary financial aid office or download the form at [www.lcms.org/?5101](http://www.lcms.org/?5101)
- D. All of the above material must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than June 15 so that the Committee may meet to determine scholarship grants on the basis of need, within the limitation of funds available. Committee action will be reported to applicants by July 15.

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