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RECEIVED	Application:		Essay:	Proof of Admission:	Letter of Reference:

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church 2024 Scholarship Application

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church of San Jose, CA is offering scholarships to high school graduates who will be attending an accredited post-secondary school in the United States after graduation. This school must be a nationally accredited 4-year college or university, community college, vocational school or trade school. Scholarship recipients will receive \$1000 towards college tuition and fees. Payment will be made directly to the student.

This signed application form, an attached essay, a copy of the acceptance letter or proof of admittance from the college, university or school, and a letter of reference must be submitted in person or by mail to the St. Timothy's church office by Friday, July 12, 2024. The scholarship recipients will be notified by the end of July 2024.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The following criteria must be met to qualify for scholarship award under the Program:

1. The applicant must be currently affiliated with and active in an NALC congregation within the Central Pacific Mission District or an LCMC congregation in Northern California.
2. The applicant must have graduated from high school within the past two years and must be planning to start his or her post-secondary education during 2024.
3. The applicant may not have previously received a scholarship under the Program.
4. **THE APPLICANT MUST PROVIDE AN APPLICATION PACKAGE TO THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE THAT CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING:**
 - a. **This completed and signed application form.**
 - b. **An essay** in which the applicant addresses the assigned topic for the current year (see Essay Section below).
 - c. **An acceptance letter or similar proof of admission** to a nationally accredited educational institution.
 - d. **A letter of reference** from the student's pastor, youth director, or other adult leader in the applicant's congregation that verifies affiliation with and level of activity in the NALC or LCMC congregation.

SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

The selection of winners will be performed by the Scholarship Committee in a multi-step process and will be based strictly upon the application packages:

1. The application packages will be subjected to detailed examination and ranking. The contents of the application form and the essay will be evaluated, and the application packages will be ranked. The acceptance letter or proof of admission, and the letter of reference will be used to support the information provided in the application and the essay.

2. The ranking will be done based upon a process and set of specific criteria that have been developed and documented by the Scholarship Committee. The process is as follows:
 - a. The content of the application form will be weighted at 30% and the content of the essay will be weighted at 70%.
 - b. The content will be evaluated on a scale of High (3), Medium (2), and Low (1) for the degree to which it addresses the assigned topic, indicates substantial church or community involvement, and shows promise for further growth.
 - c. The weighted scores will be combined to create a total for each application package that will be used to rank the entries.
 - d. The highest-scoring packages will be declared scholarship recipients up to the maximum authorized number of scholarships.

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Legal Name: _____
Please provide the name that will be recognized by the bank that will cash the check.

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____
Please provide an email address that will be checked regularly.

Preferred Phone: _____ *Home/Cell* Alternate Phone: _____ *Home/Cell*

Name of High School: _____ Year of Graduation _____

NALC or LCMC Church Affiliation

Name of Church: _____

Church Mailing Address: _____

Church Phone: _____

Name of Lead Pastor: _____

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COLLEGE OR SCHOOL INFORMATION

University/College/Trade School Attending in the Fall Term:

Program or Major: _____

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

School Activities you have been involved in (music, sports, clubs, etc.):

School Honors and Awards: _____

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Please list no more than three church or community activities in which you participated while in high school and briefly explain your involvement. At least one activity must be associated with the church which you regularly attend:

ESSAY TOPIC

On a separate piece of paper, please type an essay (500 words maximum) on one of the following topics:

1. What has your home church meant to you in your development as a Christian?
 2. How has your church or family prepared you to share your faith with others as you move on to college?
 3. How has your Christian faith affected your involvement with your community?
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I hereby certify that the facts stated above are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Return your completed application package (see **Eligibility for Scholarship Award** on first page) to:

St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church
5100 Camden Ave.
San Jose, CA 95124
Attn: Scholarship Committee

Please use the following checklist to make sure your application is complete.

- Is the application filled out completely?
- Has the application been signed by both the applicant and a parent?
- Is an essay on one of the above topics attached?
- Is proof of admission included?
- Is a letter of reference from the applicant’s congregation included?

If you have any questions, please contact the Scholarship Committee at Scholarship@stlcsj.org. We will be happy to assist you in the application process.