

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE ST. JOHN FOUNDATION  
SCHOLARSHIP and GRANT OPPORTUNITIES  
For ALL Steele County Students:**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Scholarships are available for any student who is a resident of Steele County. You do not need to be a member of St. John Lutheran Church.** Scholarships are of variable dollar amounts, based on the number of qualified applicants and total scholarship dollars available for any given year. Scholarships have ranged from \$500-\$1000 in the past. Scholarship applications are available at all Steele County high schools, the St. John Church office, and the church website at [www.stjohnwatonna.org](http://www.stjohnwatonna.org).

**Scholarships are available for traditional and non-traditional students.**

Non-traditional students are those 23 years old or older prior to returning to school.

**The Scholarship application starts on page 2 of this document.**

**GRANTS**

**Grants are available for St. John Lutheran Church members only.** Grants are an outright gift given to eligible St. John members. These grants are intended to provide assistance for education-related expenses. Grants have ranged from \$300-\$500 in the past. Grant applications must be obtained from the St. John church office or website. **You must fill out a grant application to receive a grant.**

**ELCA COLLEGE MATCHING PROGRAMS:** Colleges which are affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) often have dollar-matching programs. If a student is eligible for a grant, and is currently enrolled at an ELCA college, that student has the potential to double those monies. If you are currently attending, or planning to attend an ELCA college, please check with the financial aid office of that school for more information, as these programs vary from school to school. If you need a letter sent to your school in order to receive the matching funds from your college, please notify the church office. **You must fill out a grant application to receive a matching grant.**

St. John members may apply for either a St. John grant OR an ELCA college matching grant. You may not apply for both. You may, however, apply for a scholarship and one type of grant.

**PLEASE NOTE:** All of these financial aid opportunities are only available for full-time students at an accredited institution (2 year, 4 year, and vocational/technical schools), with one exception, St. John Grant recipients may be enrolled as part-time students at accredited institutions.

If you have questions regarding any of these financial aid opportunities, please contact the St. John church office at (507) 451-7293.

**St. John Lutheran Church Scholarship Application**

St. John Lutheran Church of Owatonna, MN, in association with the St. John Foundation, is pleased to offer academic scholarships to both high school graduates and current college students who are enrolled at an accredited institution.

**Applicants must be a resident of Steele County. However, applicants do NOT need to be members of St. John Lutheran Church.**

Applications must be submitted to the St. John Lutheran Church office (1301 Lincoln Ave. So., Owatonna) no later than Tuesday, **June 11, 2019**. Any application submitted or postmarked later than June 11 will NOT be considered.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to read all directions carefully and follow instructions completely. Any questions may be directed to the St. John Lutheran Church office (507-451-7293).

Scholarships will be awarded on Sunday, August 4, 2019 during the worship services at St. John Lutheran Church. Scholarship recipients are expected to be in attendance for this ceremony. However, a written explanation of absence will be accepted.

Please be aware that a student may apply for, and receive, this scholarship more than once. Also, if you do not receive a scholarship this year, you are invited to apply once again next year.

A wallet-sized photograph, for publicity purposes only, should be attached to this application.

All funds are awarded in good faith. Should it happen that an award recipient does not complete the school year, it is expected that the funds will be returned to the St. John Church Foundation.

**If application information is not legible, or if application submitted is not complete, the application will not be considered.**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

College/University Name & Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member of St. John?    Yes                  No                  Telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby affirm that I am a resident of Steele County.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Postmark Deadline: June 11, 2019 (No exceptions)**

**HIGH SCHOOL DATA**

School \_\_\_\_\_ Number of students in graduation class \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Date \_\_\_\_\_

**POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA**

Please indicate the complete name of the school you plan to attend in academic year 2019-2020, or in order of preference the schools to which you have applied for admission:

School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Year in post-secondary program during 2019-2020 academic year:

Intended course of study \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated date of college graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTIVITIES**

List church, community, and volunteer activities in which you’ve been involved during **the past four years. Be specific.** Indicate the name of the activity, event, organization, committee, etc. Include the dates (year or years of participation), and the total hours you volunteered (not hours per week). There must be a number in the Total Hours column for you to receive credit for that activity. Please do not write words such as “occasionally” or “varied” in the Total Hours column. Estimate hours if necessary. **Limit your response to the space provided. Attachments will not be considered in the judging process.**

<u>Activity: church, community, volunteer</u>	<u>Past 4 School Years-High School/College</u>				<u>Total Hours</u>
	<u>Identify ALL applicable years</u>				
1. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	_____
2. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	_____
3. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	_____
4. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	_____
5. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	_____
6. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	_____
7. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	_____
8. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	_____

**AWARDS/HONORS** (Academic, athletic, music, community, etc.)

List the awards and honors you have received for individual achievement during **the past four years**. Be specific. **Do not include attachments.**

<u>Award/Honor</u>	<u>Date of Award</u>	<u>Award/Honor</u>	<u>Date of Award</u>
1. _____	_____	5. _____	_____
2. _____	_____	6. _____	_____
3. _____	_____	7. _____	_____
4. _____	_____	8. _____	_____

**LEADERSHIP ROLES**

List the leadership roles [e.g., president, captain, chairperson, editor] you have held during **the past four years**. Include dates of leadership roles. **Do not include attachments.**

<u>Leadership Role</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____
6. _____	_____
7. _____	_____
8. _____	_____

## Extracurricular School Activities

List the extracurricular school activities in high school and/or college (which meet or perform outside the school day) in which you have participated during **the past four years**. If you receive graduation credit for your activity, it is not an extra-curricular activity and should not be listed. Example: Band is not an extra-curricular activity, Marching Band is considered extra-curricular.

<u>School Activity</u>	<u>Check ALL Years of Participation</u>			
1. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
2. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
3. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
4. _____	2015-2016	<b>2016-2017</b>	2017-2018	2018-2019
5. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
6. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
7. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
8. _____	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019

## EMPLOYMENT

List employers and very brief job descriptions for paid work experience for **the past four years**. Give the number of months worked and the hours per week for each job. Do not write the words “occasionally,” “varied,” “as needed,” etc. for time worked. **There must be numbers in the Total months and Hours per week columns for you to receive credit for that work experience.**

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Total Months</u>	<u>Hours per Week</u>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

**PLANS AND OBJECTIVES**

On page 3 you listed your college and major for next year. In what ways do you see yourself helping others, or making a difference in the future, as a result of your educational plans? What are your life goals when college is over? **Answer in the space provided only.**

**SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES**

Briefly describe any **current or foreseeable future** circumstances from your personal or family life which may negatively impact your ability to perform in school, work, or church for this upcoming school year. If this does not apply to you, please leave this section blank. **Answer in the space provided below only.**

**Applicant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

APPLICANT APPRAISAL

**To the applicant:** Print your name above. Carefully remove this applicant appraisal page and deliver it to a school official who knows you and your accomplishments. Also provide to the school official a stamped envelope addressed to St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna, MN 55060.

**To the appraiser:** You have been asked to provide information in support of this scholarship application. Please complete the following as soon as possible. The scores for the applicant are completely confidential and no one other than those associated with the St. John Scholarship Program will have access to them. **THE POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR THIS PROGRAM IS JUNE 11, 2019.** Please enclose this page in the envelope provided and mail to St. John Lutheran Church. Please be aware that your failure to return this on time will be detrimental to the applicant.

Students are scored on all sections of the application, so please attempt to determine a ranking for each of the following. Rate the applicant on a scale ranging from 1 to 10:

10 = excellent      5 = average      1 = needs improvement

Academic ability      Score \_\_\_\_\_

Academic motivation      Score \_\_\_\_\_

Dependability and follow-through      Score \_\_\_\_\_

Independence and decision-making abilities      Score \_\_\_\_\_

Communication skills (speaking and listening)      Score \_\_\_\_\_

Ability to follow instructions      Score \_\_\_\_\_

Social skills (courtesy, tact)      Score \_\_\_\_\_

Problem-solving abilities      Score \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know this student (relationship to the applicant)? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Appraiser's Name (**please print**) \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Appraiser's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION**

1. High school seniors: please give this page to your high school counselor to complete.
2. College students who have not yet completed 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits of post-secondary education: complete the section below; and include an official high school transcript, which includes their high school grades and the ACT and/or SAT scores.
3. College or vocational-technical school students who have completed 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits must include an **official transcript** of grades from all post-secondary schools attended within the last five years. The section below does not need to be completed.

**NOTE: All transcripts must be an official school transcript. Infinite Campus printouts are not considered to be an official transcript.**

**THE FOLLOWING SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE APPROPRIATE HIGH SCHOOL OFFICIAL/COUNSELOR:**

**TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS/COUNSELORS – PLEASE ATTACH AN OFFICIAL SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT.**

Applicant’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

The applicant currently, or at last calculation, ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_\_

ACT COMP \_\_\_\_\_ SAT (if taken) Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_ on a 4.0 scale – **SCALE MUST BE NOTED IF OTHER THAN 4.0**

School Official’s Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION**

By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that as the applicant, it is my sole responsibility to gather and submit all necessary information **on or before June 11, 2019 deadline**. The address I have given on this application is my permanent home address, not a temporary school address.

This application becomes the property of St. John Lutheran Church.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Proofread and make a copy of your application for your records before submitting.  
Send this completed application, an official transcript, and a wallet-sized photograph to:  
St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 Lincoln Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060

**THIS APPLICATION IS VOID AFTER June 11, 2019.**