

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SLATINGTON, PA
RINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Ringer Scholarship was formed and presented to St. John's Lutheran Church, Slatington, by James, Robert, and Isabel Ringer. The scholarship fund of \$200,000.00 was presented in memory of Margaret (James' wife) and John and Hester Ringer (their parents). It was formally presented to the church December, 1997.

The scholarship money is invested with LPL Financial Services, Inc. (or its successors) with the understanding that they will manage the investment. Each year, the interest from the investment will provide the funds for those receiving the scholarship.

It is understood that a maximum of \$12,000 will be available for distribution each year. If the investment earns more than that amount in any given year, the surplus will be added to the principal, allowing it to grow to match inflation over the years. If the investment earns less than \$12,000, the amount of the grants shall be appropriately adjusted. The number of people to receive the scholarship each year shall not exceed six. Any individual grant shall never exceed \$6,000. The principal of the investment account shall never be invaded.

The scholarship will be available to youth belonging to St. John's Lutheran Church, Slatington, who are current high school seniors or have graduated high school within the last three years. The scholarship is designed for undergraduate/technical education only. The scholarship is for a one-year period and must be applied for annually. Each applicant must complete and return the attached forms. Applications for the scholarship will be available in the church office in spring of each year. **All completed applications must be returned to the church office by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, May 17, 2024. Any application not in the office by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, May 17, 2024 will not be considered.** The scholarships will be awarded at a time to be determined later, sometime in the month of June (dependent upon COVID guidelines at that time). If available, someone from the Ringer family will be included in making the presentation.

The following shall be the criteria for determining who receives the Scholarship:

- 30% Financial aid/family's need.
- 20% Tuition costs of proposed school.
- 30% Church membership/activity.
- 10% Academic standing.
- 10% Character essay including future plans.

There will be a scholarship committee, selected and approved by Church Council. It shall include the pastor, the Superintendent of the Northern Lehigh School District (or his/her appointee), an educator, a person working with the youth in the congregation, and three members at large. All committee members, except the Superintendent of Schools, must be members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Slatington.

While the committee will have complete authority to choose the scholarship recipients each year, the Church Council will administer the funds and present them to the persons selected by the committee (see provision above re: Ringer family). The guidelines included here shall pertain unless the Church Council finds a compelling reason for making any appropriate changes.

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2024

CHECKLIST

Financial need will be one of the primary requirements for this scholarship. Therefore, in order to make sure the most deserving and most needy students receive this scholarship, no application will be considered by the Scholarship Committee unless all the requirements are met. Please review this checklist to ensure that all necessary documents accompany this application and are included in the envelope. Please have student and parent(s) initial that all documents are included in the envelope.

Student

Parent

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| _____ | _____ | 1. The attached Scholarship and Financial Application (pages 2-5) is completed in its entirety. |
| _____ | _____ | 2. The essay is included. |
| _____ | _____ | 3. The Scholarship Application is signed by all necessary parties on page 5. |
| _____ | _____ | 4. The Scholarship and Financial Application (pages 2-5) is returned in a <u>sealed</u> envelope, in person, to the church office during normal business hours by 3:00 P.M. on Friday, May 19, 2024. |

The decision of the Scholarship Committee is final.

Application is due no later than 3:00 P.M., Friday, May 17, 2024.

In fairness to all, no application will be accepted – for any reason – beyond this deadline.

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2024 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Date of Birth: _____
(Month, Day, Year)

Address: _____
(Number, Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home/Cell Phone Number: _____

E-mail address: _____

Parents/Guardian Name(s): _____

To be completed by High School Seniors:
High School:

Graduation Year: _____
High School Activities or Honors:

High School GPA (Grade Point Average):

To be completed by college students:
College:

Graduation Year: _____
College Activities or Honors:

College GPA (Grade Point Average):

Please tell us about your current church attendance and church activities:

Intended Major or Degree Program: _____

Please tell us about your education plans for the future:

Applicant's Name _____

List any other yearly expenditures necessary due to special circumstances:

Applicant's College Choice and Location: _____

A. Applicant's Intended Major: _____

Projected four-year cost of above college choice: \$ _____

Applicant's (Student's) 2023 Income from:

A. Investments/Savings/Trusts: \$ _____

B. Part-time work: \$ _____

C. Other scholarship award(s): \$ _____

If dependent(s) other than this applicant is attending any institution of learning, please answer for Student # 2:

	Applicant	Student # 2
A. Current Annual Tuition:	\$ _____	_____
B. Room and Board:	\$ _____	_____
C. Other Expenses:	\$ _____	_____
D. Current Yearly Scholarships:	\$ _____	_____
E. Outstanding Student Loans:	\$ _____	_____
F. Dependent(s) annual income:		
1. Investments:	\$ _____	_____
2. Part-time earnings:	\$ _____	_____

Has applicant filed for financial aid?

A. State Aid Yes _____ No _____

B. Federal Aid (FAFSA) Yes _____ No _____

C. College Sponsored Yes _____ No _____

D. Does applicant plan to apply for a Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loan? Yes _____ No _____

Applicant's Name _____

Current year school-related activities and offices held:

Current year non-school related activities:

Additional pertinent information:

We attest that the above information is accurate and true to the best of our ability. Both applicant and Parent(s)/Guardians(s) must sign below.

Applicant (Student) Signature _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s) _____

NOTE: ESSAY TOPIC ON NEXT PAGE.

ESSAY:

Consider one of these questions:

- 1) If you could fix anything in the world today, what would you choose?
How would you proceed?
- 2) What evidence do you see in the world today that God is with us, in light of all the things that are going on that we perceive as negative?

Please compose an essay of not more than two pages (typed or handwritten) to respond to the above question.