

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Scholarship

The Children in Need Committee at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church recognizes that the cost of higher education may be an obstacle for those in our congregation who have the desire to continue their education but may be lacking the resources to finance their education. This need-based scholarship has been established by the Children in Need Committee with monies raised by the annual Shepherd of the Valley garage sale.

This scholarship is open to congregation members demonstrating need, who are **currently** enrolled in or are **planning** to enroll in post-secondary education/training. Applicants must be a high school graduate or have earned their GED. Students may reapply yearly.

Confidentiality

The scholarship application review process is confidential. **Award applicants will need to attach a copy** of their high school or most current transcript (unofficial is sufficient) that has their cumulative GPA on it and a copy of the front page of the Student Aid Report, which indicates Expected Family Contribution from their FAFSA application. The cover page with identifying information, transcript and student aid report will be removed prior to review by the scholarship committee and a number will be assigned to each application. **Please be sure not to use identifying information on the application and essay.**

It is NOT the job of SOTV staff to make sure you have all the documents attached. Be sure to **attach ALL necessary documents requested.** The committee reviews all applications as submitted. You will be contacted only if information needs to be clarified, and not as a reminder to complete or attach missing information.

Applications available

Scholarship applications are available on January 23, 2012 at the Information Center in the church narthex or online at www.sotv.org/youth.

Awards

The Scholarship Committee will be awarding 3-6 scholarships with a minimum award of \$500. Award notification letter sent by May 1, 2012. All awards will be made by July 31, 2012 and sent directly to the school where the student is enrolled.

Application deadline

March 15, 2012 - Applications must be postmarked or dropped off in the Shepherd of the Valley Church main office by **March 15, 2012**, Attention: Beth Karlson.

Work Experience: (attach additional page if more space is needed)

Please list any paid work experience, including places of employment, dates worked and a brief description of duties.

Financial Need Considerations

Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number from FAFSA form_____

How do you plan to meet expenses which cannot be met by help from your family?

Please list any scholarships or financial aid you have been awarded

Please give a brief explanation if any of the following are applicable:

Number of siblings in college_____

Extraordinary medical expenses_____

Parent's loss of job_____

Family extenuating circumstances_____

Other_____

Essay

Write a brief **one page**, (using 12-14 sized fonts and 1.5 spacing) typed essay addressing the following question. Do **NOT** use personal identifiers, such as name, when writing the essay.

*How has your involvement at Shepherd of the Valley influenced you as a person? How do you **anticipate** this will influence your life choices – career, community service, personal life, etc...?*

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May 1, 2012: Applicants will be notified of award status by this date.

Name_____

Home Phone number_____ Cell Phone number_____

Address_____

Parent/Guardian_____

Email address _____

*Please star the best used to reach you (phone number or email).

Application Checklist

All applications are reviewed as submitted. You will NOT be contacted to provide missing information. Please be sure to include the following:

- Application form -- all areas filled out
- Copy of unofficial transcript that includes your Cumulative GPA
- Copy of front page only of FAFSA Student Aid Report with Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number (make sure this is for the upcoming school year, 2012-2013, not the previous year)
- Verification of you ACT score
- Essay
- Mail or drop off application by March 15, 2012 to:

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
Apple Valley, MN 55124
ATTENTION: Beth Karlson

Office use only: Date received_____ Application number_____