

## **InFaith Community Foundation**

### **THE IMMANUEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NORTH MINNEAPOLIS**

**The Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis Scholarship** awards were established to provide scholarship awards to eligible candidates pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. The scholarship program is made possible through a permanently endowed, charitable fund at InFaith Community Foundation established by the former congregation of Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Minneapolis. Founded in 1888, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church maintained a strong commitment to education. A school affiliated with the church was founded in the same year to provide English language and religious instruction to immigrant families. The school remained a part of the Church's mission for nearly 100 years. At the time of the Church's closing, the congregation established this Fund to provide benefit to Lutheran students who are members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS).

#### **About InFaith Community Foundation**

The scholarship program is administered by InFaith Community Foundation, a national charity with a mission to serve donors, spread joy and change lives. Through InFaith, giving is customized to each donor's charitable interests and financial circumstances. InFaith is a proven steward of these gifts, earning consistently high ratings from Charity Navigator and GuideStar for sound fiscal management, transparency and commitment to excellence. Together with donors, InFaith grants over \$35 million annually to charities serving local, national and global communities. To learn more, please visit [InFaithFound.org](http://InFaithFound.org).

#### **Eligibility**

Eligible candidates for the scholarship should meet the following criteria:

- 1) Candidates must be members of congregations within the Minnesota South District of the LCMS;
- 2) Candidates must be in their third or fourth year of study at an undergraduate college or university of the LCMS, or enrolled in a post-baccalaureate program at an LCMS college, university or seminary.  
Candidates must be enrolled on a full-time basis, based upon the respective institution's definition of "full-time" status. Students are not eligible to apply for their vicarage year;
- 3) Candidates must be pursuing a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry;
- 4) Candidates must have a minimum 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale.

Applicants and past recipients may reapply for these scholarships on an annual basis.

#### **Scholarship Awards**

Three or more awards between \$5,000-\$9,000 will be given for the 2020-2021 school year. Scholarship recipients will be determined by a Scholarship Committee of InFaith staff. Applicants of the scholarship award will be notified by InFaith by July 2020. Scholarship awards are sent directly by InFaith to the educational institution where the recipient will attend.

This scholarship award is intended to provide financial assistance that is not otherwise covered by available resources or other financial aid to the applicant. Funds may be used to defray expenses for tuition, room and board, books, laboratory expenses and/or other related educational expenditures.

## Application Overview & Deadline

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an online application available at [inFaithFound.org/scholarships](http://inFaithFound.org/scholarships). Application and required attachments are due **April 30, 2020**.

## Questions?

Additional questions about this scholarship may be directed to Nikki Johnson, Donor Services Associate, at [scholarships@inFaithFound.org](mailto:scholarships@inFaithFound.org) or by calling (800) 365-4172.

## Application Instructions & Questions

Please read the instructions carefully and ensure that all of the required information is received by the deadline. Applicants should complete an online application, providing answers to the questions below. Applicants will also need to submit additional materials to InFaith outlined in the section below.

**Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

## Applicant Information

- Contact information: Name, address, date of birth, phone, email;
- Demographic information: gender, ethnicity;
- School/degree information: school name, GPA, major, graduation date; and,
- Financial aid information.

## Short Answer & Text Questions

- How did you hear about the scholarship?
- Have you received a scholarship from InFaith? When? Name of scholarship?
- Tell us about why you are uniquely qualified for this award. (300 words)
- What are your educational goals? What type of program/studies do you intend to pursue or are pursuing? What do you hope to do upon completion of your studies? What are your career objectives? (300 words)

## Essay

In an essay of approximately 500-700 words, please submit a statement of particularly **why** you are interested in a career in professional ministry or professional lay ministry. What experiences have informed this decision? What inspires you about a life of ministry?

Submitted statements will be judged on spirit, clarity of thought, grammar and spelling.

## Additional Submitted Materials – to be received by or before the deadline of April 30, 2020.

- **Transcript** - Please ensure that InFaith receives a copy of your most recent transcript (unofficial is acceptable) showing a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- **Community Service Resume** - A resume including school, church related and community service, honors, awards, leadership and work history in which you have engaged during your high school years. Include number of hours, years and level of leadership and awards for each activity.
- **Online Recommendation Form** – Please forward the online recommendation form to two individuals, including one from your pastor and one from your educational institution, for their online completion. Link to online recommendation form: [inFaithFound.org/recommendation](http://inFaithFound.org/recommendation).