

InFaith Community Foundation

THE MARY BARBARA PRICE LUTHERAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

The Mary Barbara Price Lutheran Scholarship Program for Graduate and Professional Education (*formerly The Tulare County Lutheran Scholarship Program*) was established to benefit Lutheran students who are residents of Madera, Kings, Kern or Tulare County. The scholarship program is made possible through the generosity of donor Barbara Price, who created this permanently endowed fund at InFaith. Through these scholarship awards, the donor wished to endorse the optimism and success of today's youth, and intended these scholarships to provide educational opportunities to outstanding individuals who have demonstrated their abilities and their desire to explore the unlimited possibilities available to them. The donor also shared a belief in the faith and values inherent in and promoted by colleges and universities affiliated with the Lutheran Church. It was the donor's hope that recipients of this award similarly recognize such value, and that they, too, may one day be in a position to identify other students in need of educational scholarship assistance, also "passing it along" without carrying it as a debt to be repaid.

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 now grants over \$35 million annually to charities serving local, national and global communities. To learn more, visit InFaithFound.org.

Eligibility

The scholarship program is open to students who are currently enrolled or seeking enrollment at an accredited graduate or professional school. Applicants must:

- Be a current or former resident of Madera, Kings, Kern or Tulare County;
- Have received an undergraduate degree from an accredited college or university;
- Demonstrate at least a cumulative 3.0 GPA in their undergraduate studies, and must maintain a 3.0 GPA in a graduate or professional program.

Preference for these scholarship awards shall be given to past recipients of *The Tulare County Lutheran Scholarship Program for Undergraduates*.

Scholarship Awards

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. Paper applications are available only by request. Application and required attachments are due **April 30, 2020**.

Questions?

Additional questions about this scholarship program may be directed to Nikki Johnson, Donor Services Associate, at 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. **Please note that 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;
- 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 Questions

At InFaith Community Foundation, our mission is to serve donors and their giving goals so that together we can change lives and spread joy by sharing our blessings with the world. We encourage donors to develop giving goals that reflect their life experiences, values and passions. In thinking about your life experience, values and passions in conjunction with the advanced degree that you are seeking, how do you want to utilize your blessings to change lives and spread joy? How will this advanced degree impact your own life and the life of others? Whose lives do you want to change? What role does your faith play in your life? Please share your response in an essay of approximately 1200 words. Submitted essays 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 transcript is acceptable) showing a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 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. Include number of hours, years and level of leadership and awards for each activity.
- **Online Recommendation Form** – Please ensure that InFaith receives two completed online recommendation forms. Forward the online recommendation form to two individuals, including one from your pastor and one from a high school teacher, for their online completion. Link to online recommendation form: inFaithFound.org/recommendation.