

## **InFaith Community Foundation**

# **THE SILVERDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP**

### **The Scholarship Program**

The Silverdale Lutheran Church Scholarship was established to provide two educational scholarship awards annually to eligible candidates of Silverdale Lutheran Church.

- One scholarship, in the amount of \$8000, is available for a recipient attending a four-year college or university, and;
- One scholarship, in the amount of \$4000, is available for a recipient attending a two-year community college or vocational/technical school. Non-traditional students are encouraged to apply.

Each scholarship will be paid in increments of \$2000 each year to the institution the student attends. The scholarship program is made possible through a permanently endowed, charitable fund at InFaith Community Foundation (InFaith), made possible by the generosity of Merrill and Elizabeth Koster of Silverdale Lutheran Church.

### **About InFaith**

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 from ratings from Charitable Navigator and GuideStar for sound fiscal management, transparency and commitment to excellence. Together with donors, InFaith now grants more than \$28 million annually to charities serving local, national and global communities. To learn more, visit [InFaithFound.org](http://InFaithFound.org).

### **Eligibility**

Eligible candidates for the scholarship should meet the following criteria:

1. Candidates must be members of Silverdale Lutheran Church;
2. Recipients of the scholarship must remain in good academic standing at the institution where they attend;
3. Applicants receiving a SLC PLUM scholarship will not be eligible for this scholarship.
4. These scholarships are not extended to graduate level studies or beyond a four-year or two-year length of time to complete a course of study. If an applicant is selected for a two year scholarship, but is enrolled in a four year program, then that applicant is not eligible to apply for an additional two year scholarship to finish their third and fourth year program.
5. If an applicant is not selected in any given year, they may reapply in subsequent years.

### **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 2019. Scholarship awards are sent directly by InFaith to the educational institution where the recipient will attend.

It is intended that this scholarship award 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 and Deadline**

Students who wish to apply to the scholarship program must complete an online application available at <https://www.inFaithfound.org/newsgrants/scholarships>. Paper applications are available only by request. Application and required attachments are due **April 30, 2019**.

### **Questions?**

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

### **Application Instructions and 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
- Financial aid information

### **Short Answer and Text Questions**

- How did you hear about the scholarship?
- Have you received a scholarship from InFaith? When? Name of scholarship?
- Why are you 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)

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

### **Additional Submitted Materials – to be received by the deadline of April 30, 2019.**

- **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 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 school (administrator, guidance counselor) and one from a community representative for their online completion. Link to online recommendation form: <http://www.inFaithfound.org/recommendation>.