

InFaith Community Foundation

THE ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP

The **St. Paul Lutheran Church Scholarship Program** was founded by the congregation of the former St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. St. Paul Lutheran Church, prior to its closing, established this special scholarship program to benefit Lutheran students in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

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 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

Eligible candidates must:

- Be graduating seniors of a high school, or a high school graduate equivalent, located in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania. Candidates may reapply in successive years for scholarships available from this program.
- Be members of a Lutheran church, including those individuals who were members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania, at the time of its closing.
- Be attending or planning to attend an institution of higher education (academic, technical, or vocational in the 2020-2021 academic year).
- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Demonstrate involvement in church and community.

Scholarship Awards

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.

Selection of Recipients

The number of scholarships awarded, the amount of the scholarship awards, and the selection of scholarship recipients will be determined by a staff committee at InFaith. This is a competitive process. Not all applicants will receive a scholarship.

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 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; 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)

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 Official Transcript 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 a lay leader, from the Lutheran church of which you are a member, for their online completion. Link to online recommendation form: inFaithFound.org/recommendation.