

EASTERN DISTRICT – LCMS
STUDENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM
AND PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



The Eastern District – LCMS offers Financial Aid to members of the Eastern District congregations enrolled full-time in preparatory programs of study for church professions (i.e., Pastors, Teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Deaconess, and Parish Worker). Student Aid is NOT granted during the Vicarage year. Presidential Scholarships are also offered for seniors of a secondary school. Presidential Scholarships are awarded on merit, character, scholastic achievement, academic promise and demonstrated ability to serve.

1. **Financial Aid** must be applied for on a year-to-year basis for a specific year. Awards are based on financial need, not scholastic achievement, or merit. Applicant must provide Financial Aid Application, Biographical Questionnaire and Evaluation Form from Pastor.
2. **Presidential Scholarships** are only applied for once and if awarded, each student will receive a total of \$4,000.00, \$1,000 for each of the four years attending a college or university associated with the LCMS. Students must continue to perform satisfactorily in their studies. Applicants must provide Financial Application, High School Transcripts, Biographical Questionnaire and Evaluation Form from Pastor. If you discontinue your studies you must notify the district office.
3. All form must be returned to the district office by the deadline specified.
4. The College, University or Seminary must complete their portion of the Financial Aid Application and return it to the district office. Your application is not complete until we receive this form.

Please complete the following forms and make sure to keep a copy for your records.

1. Application for Financial Aid
2. Biographical Questionnaire (First year applicants only)
3. Pastor's Evaluation and Recommendation Form. Ask you pastor to complete and send to the district office promptly.
4. Provide transcripts for the Presidential Scholarship only.

Please be assured you application will receive prayerful, thoughtful, and confidential consideration. You will be notified of the outcome of your application and your college, university or seminary will be notified of your award.