

# Rocky Mountain District Church Work Scholarship Application (DUE: June 1<sup>st</sup>)

*The Scholarship Committee of the Rocky Mountain District awards financial aid to full-time students pursuing a church work vocation at the LCMS's Synodical colleges, universities, or seminaries. Awards are given in order to encourage students to answer the call of our Lord Jesus "to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10) by carrying out the Great Commission to "go and make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). Awards are determined on the basis of financial need and merit (scholarship, Christian character, and commitment to vocational service in the Church).*

## *APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION*

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Year: \_\_\_\_\_

***NOTE: Students on vicarage, DCE/deaconess internship, or student teaching are ineligible for an award during those semester(s).***

Synodical College/Seminary: \_\_\_\_\_

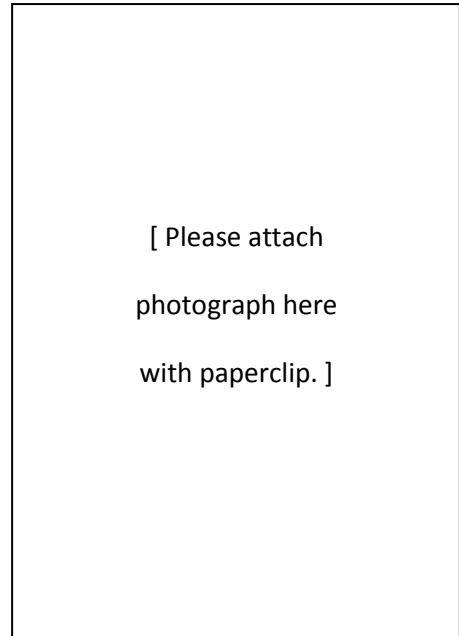
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_



## ***EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES***

Please list the extra-curricular (co-curricular) activities in which you are involved, indicating your level of involvement and length of involvement (months/years). Activities may include athletics, visual/performing arts, school clubs, church service, community service, etc. If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet listing additional activities.

Activity/Group/Club	Role/Involvement	Period of Time Involved

## ***OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS***

Please list any “outside” scholarships, grants, or awards (*not* loans), that you will be receiving (e.g., LWML, LLL, VFW, National Merit, etc.). Please *do not* include awards from your Synodical college, university, or seminary, as they are included separately on the generic District Financial Aid form.

<b>Scholarship Name</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Amount (\$US)</b>
Total Outside Scholarships:		

### ***COMMITMENT TO CHURCH WORK ESSAY (First-Time Applicants Only)***

**Each first-time applicant** should respond to each of the following three questions in one combined, type-written essay *not to exceed* 500 words (attach separately). Each essay should include the student’s name and signature at the top of the first page.

1. How has your faith journey led you to decide to pursue full time service in the Lord’s Church?
2. How will your studies and chosen vocation help you to share the Good News with unbelievers?
3. How have service in your school, church, and community prepared you for full time church work?

### ***ADDITIONAL MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THIS APPLICATION***

#### **First-Time Undergraduate Applicants (Freshmen)**

- Official high school transcripts sealed in envelope from registrar indicating a cumulative GPA of 2.50 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). **(Applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement will not be considered.)**
- Letter of Recommendation signed by high school teacher, in which the teacher addresses your academic qualifications and Christian character. (Home school applicants may use a signed letter from an unrelated adult who knows them well).
- Letter of Recommendation signed by your current

#### **Continuing Undergraduate and All Seminarians**

- Official college and/or seminary transcript(s) from all post-secondary educational institutions attended, indicating a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale). **(Applicants who do not meet the minimum GPA requirement will not be considered.)**
- Letter of Recommendation signed by College or Seminary professor in major area of study, in which the professor addresses your academic qualifications and Christian character.
- Letter of Recommendation signed by your current

or former pastor, in which he addresses your Christian character and commitment to a church work vocation in the LCMS, including your regular participation in worship and other areas of leadership or service in your congregation and community.

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Generic District Financial Aid form (separate), available from your Synodical college or university’s financial aid office. **This form only should be completed and returned to school’s financial aid office.**

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**NOTE: A report from your Synodical school indicating zero (\$0.00) financial need may result in your ineligibility for District scholarship aid.**

**STUDENT AGREEMENT**

The undersigned student (or guardian) must read and agree to the following statement:

*I, the undersigned, understand that scholarships from the Rocky Mountain District (RMD) are only awarded to students who are enrolled full-time in a course of study at a LCMS Synodical college, university, or seminary, leading to a church work vocation (pastor, Lutheran teacher, DCE, deaconess, parish musician, etc.). Students who are not accepted for admission, fail to enroll, or withdraw from said school or field of study are encouraged to return any monies previously received to the Rocky Mountain District. I understand that students on vicarage, DCE/deaconess internship, or student teaching will not be awarded aid during those semester(s).*

*I agree that if all my application materials are not received by the **annual June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline**, I may not be eligible for scholarship aid from RMD.*

*Financial aid is awarded on the basis of financial need and merit as determined by proportion of unmet financial need, scholarship (GPA), essay, and activities. This application does not guarantee that I will receive funds, although without completing this application I will be ineligible to receive financial aid from the RMD.*

*I also give full permission to the RMD Scholarship Committee to use my name and likeness (photograph or digital image) for the purpose of promoting the activities of the Scholarship Committee and in order to solicit donations and endowments for the ongoing financial support of RMD church work students. I also understand that I am strongly encouraged by the Scholarship Committee to send a “thank you” note or letter to the Scholarship Committee and my home church pastor in order to acknowledge the gifts that the people of the RMD have made available for me to pursue my studies.*

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Student’s signature)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian’s signature, if student is minor)

**ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SHOULD BE SENT TO  
Rocky Mountain District-LCMS  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
14334 E. Evans Ave.  
Aurora, CO 80014**