

## **2017 Saint Peter Lutheran Church Scholarship Program**

Saint Peter Lutheran Church will be offering a \$500 scholarship in the spring of 2017. This program will be open to those who are beginning their first or second year of post-high school education, and will be a one-time award. **Scholarship Applications for 2017 are due in the church office by Sunday, April 23, 2017. No late applications will be considered.**

This program will be available to individuals planning to continue their education beyond high school in accredited or formalized educational programs. The purpose of this program is to recognize, through a one-time financial assistance award, those who have made meaningful contributions to and have been significantly involved in the life of Saint Peter's community. Additionally, sons and daughters of Saint Peter who have been similarly involved in the congregation's life, and who have been called to attend seminary or other rostered ministry programs, may be eligible for additional ongoing financial support as part of this scholarship program.

### **To be eligible for the program, the applicant will have:**

- demonstrated caring, integrity, and strong Christian values;
- shown both a current and ongoing significant and meaningful involvement and participation in Saint Peter's community through participation in activities and programs, serving as a positive example to other Saint Peter youth;
- been, or will be, accepted to an accredited or formalized post-high school educational program;
- completed the attached application form with references and submitted it to the church office by the published scholarship application deadline. A key piece of this application will be an essay written by the applicant (minimum of 500 words);
- successfully participated in an interview with one or more members of the Saint Peter Scholarship Committee;
- agreed to be present at and participate in a designated worship service to receive the scholarship award.

### **Eligibility to apply for this scholarship is *not* affected by:**

- the high school the applicant has attended;
- the post-high school educational program the applicant plans to attend – provided it is duly accredited and/or formalized;
- the course of study the applicant plans to pursue – provided that it leads to a degree or certification;
- the applicant's family's involvement or attendance at Saint Peter. Though it is believed that family involvement is what makes a youth's commitment to the church meaningful and long-lasting, only the individual applicant's involvement and commitment will be considered;
- the applicant's – and his or her family's – financial need or ability to pay for higher education. Applicants will not be asked to provide financial statements.

## Saint Peter Lutheran Church Scholarship Application

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<b>Please provide contact information for three references:</b>	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 10%;"></th> <th style="width: 60%;">Name</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Phone</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>_____</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>_____</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>_____</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>(Please: No more than one reference can be a close family member; non-family members are preferable. Members of the Scholarship Committee should not be used as references)</p>		Name	Phone	1	_____	_____		_____		2	_____	_____		_____		3	_____	_____		_____	
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In approximately 500 words, tell us about yourself below. Please focus on the last four years (starting with 9<sup>th</sup> grade). Please describe how Saint Peter Lutheran Church has been a part of your life, and – just as importantly – how you have been a part of Saint Peter’s community. Describe how you have applied your faith at school, with your friends and in your community. What are your plans after high school? What do you hope to do following completion of your education?

UPON COMPLETION, PLEASE PRINT THE APPLICATION AND ESSAY, PLACE ALL DOCUMENTS IN A SEALED ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: SAINT PETER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE – AND TURN IN THE ENVELOPE TO THE CHURCH’S OFFICE.

ONLY THOSE ON THE SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL SEE YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION AND ESSAY.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT KEN GERHART OR LORI WILLIAMS.