Grace Lutheran Church, Brownwood, TX

2026 Church Worker Scholarship Application

The Church Worker Scholarship is offered by Grace Lutheran Church, Brownwood, TX, to full-time students majoring in a program toward, and who seek a career in, full-time church work in the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod (LCMS). For purposes of this application, full time church work is defined as pursuing a "Called Position," that is, an Ordained Minister (Pastor) or Commissioned Minister (Teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Music/Worship, Directors of Family Life, etc.) or other such positions within the LCMS.

This scholarship is intended to provide financial support toward tuition, fees, room and board, meals and other such expenses related to the student's education. The scholarship amount shall not exceed $3,000 per year per student. This scholarship is provided on a funds-available basis and the number of scholarships awarded, and the dollar amount of each scholarship, may vary from year to year. A maximum of 4 years may be awarded to a single student pursuing a graduate degree. In these cases, students must provide an updated scholarship application each year.

This scholarship will be awarded to a senior (undergraduate) or graduate student enrolled in at least 12 hours of a full-time church work curriculum for the Fall 2026 semester at an LCMS Concordia system school (institution).

Recipients will be selected by the GLC Scholarship Committee from the pool of applications received. Preference may be given to Grace Lutheran Church, Brownwood, Texas members but is not limited only to local students.

Applicants must provide proof of acceptance by the institution and must maintain at least a 2.75/4.0 GPA.

Applicants must be members in good standing of a congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in the State of Texas.

Applications must be received by August 1, 2026.

Scholarship funds will be distributed in the Fall of 2026.

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Major/Church work program: _____

Home church: _____

Pastor of Home Church: _____

Applicants must provide an application package consisting of:

1. A completed application (i.e., this form),
2. An official or unofficial college transcript,
3. A comprehensive biography describing your background, career goals, previous church experience, volunteer and/or service experience, and how your education is preparing you for service in the church and to others,
4. A list of professional and/or academic publications,
5. A letter of recommendation from your home congregation's pastor.

Recipient Responsibilities

Recipients must a) acknowledge this scholarship via a thank you letter to the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church, Brownwood, b) provide periodic updates to the congregation during the year of the scholarship, c) maintain a 2.75 or better GPA, and d) maintain full-time student status in a church work program. Recipients are also invited and encouraged to attend one or more Divine Services at Grace Lutheran Church, Brownwood.

Sending Applications

Send the completed application package to the Scholarship Committee, Grace Lutheran Church, 1401 First Street, Brownwood, TX 76801. Documents must be accurate and professional in appearance and content or the application will be removed from consideration.

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