ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDATION
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The applicant **DOES NOT** need to be a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- **The applicant must be a resident of Steele County, MN.**
- The applicant must be a **full-time, undergraduate** student attending an accredited community college, university, or technical/vocational school.
- **NON-MEMBERS OF ST. JOHN**: Students who are not members of St. John must be in the current 2026 graduating class to apply.
  ST. JOHN MEMBERS: Students who are members of St. John may apply for and receive scholarship awards for each year they attend an accredited community college, university, or technical/vocational school.
- The applicant must not have received any type of associate's degree or bachelor's degree prior to submitting this application.
- The application and transcript must be postmarked by or submitted to the church office before 4:00pm Thursday, April 30, 2026. Any application form or transcript that is late **will not** be considered.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION:

⇒ In 2025, 34 scholarships were given out to Steele County students ranging in awards of $500 to $1,250.

⇒ Applications can be found at: all Steele County high school websites; the St. John Lutheran Church website www.stjohnowatonna.org (where information can be entered electronically); and the St. John Lutheran Church office (1301 Lincoln Ave., Owatonna)

⇒ Awards will be distributed during the worship service at St. John Lutheran Church on August 2, 2026. Recipients are encouraged to attend to receive the award.

⇒ Any recipient of this scholarship is expected to return the awarded money if they decide ***not*** to complete the full year of school.

⇒ For assistance or questions, please call the church office at 507-451-7293

Send this completed **and signed** application along with your transcript to:

St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 Lincoln Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060

2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ENTER BY COMPUTER or PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

Full Name _____

Resident Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Telephone Number _____

Name (s) of Parent/Guardian _____

College/University Name _____

College Address _____

College City, State & Zip _____

Member of St. John? Yes ☐ No ☐ For office use only. Does not affect scholarship eligibility.

CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this application, I certify that:

1. I am a resident of Steele County, MN and that the address I have given on this application is my permanent home address, not a temporary school address;
2. The information provided is true to the best of my knowledge; and
3. I understand that the SIGNED application and transcript must be postmarked by or submitted to the church office before 4:00pm Thursday, April 30, 2026 . Any application form or transcript that is late **will not** be considered.

Applicant's Signature **(REQUIRED)** _____ Date _____

Send this completed **and signed** application along with your transcript to:

St. John Lutheran Church, 1301 Lincoln Avenue, Owatonna, MN 55060.

Submission to Office Deadline: April 30, 2026 before 4:00pm
Postmark Deadline: April 30, 2026

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

School _____ Number of students in graduation class _____

City, State _____ Graduation Date _____

POST SECONDARY SCHOOL DATA

Please indicate the complete name of the school you plan to attend in academic year 2026-2027, or in order of preference the schools to which you have applied.

School _____ City _____ State _____

School _____ City _____ State _____

Year in post-secondary program during 2026-2027 academic year: _____

Intended Course of Study: _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation: _____

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

List church, community, and volunteer activities in which you've been involved during **the past four years**. **Be specific.** Indicate the name of the activity, event, organization, committee, etc. Include the dates (year or years of participation), and the total hours you volunteered (not hours per week). There must be a number in the Total Hours column for you to receive credit for that activity. Please do not write words such as "occasionally" or "varied" in the Total Hours column. Estimate hours if necessary. **Limit your response to the space provided. Attachments will not be considered in the judging process.**

	Activity: Church, Community, Volunteer	Past 4 School Years—High School/College **Identify ALL applicable years**				Total Hours
1.	_____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐	_____
2.	_____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐	_____
3.	_____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐	_____
4.	_____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐	_____
5.	_____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐	_____
6.	_____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐	_____
7.	_____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐	_____
8.	_____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐	_____

AWARDS/HONORS (Academic, athletic, music, community, etc.)

List the awards and honors you have received for individual achievement during **the past four years**. Be specific. **Do not include attachments.**

Award / Honor	Past 4 School Years—High School/College **Identify ALL applicable years**			
1. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
2. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
3. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
4. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
5. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
6. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
7. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
8. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
9. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
10. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐

LEADERSHIP ROLES

List the leadership roles [e.g., president, captain, chairperson, editor] you have held during **the past four years**. **Do not include attachments**.

Leadership Role	Past 4 School Years—High School/College **Identify ALL applicable years**			
1. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
2. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
3. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
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5. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
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10. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐

Extracurricular School Activities

List the extracurricular school activities in high school and/or college (which meet or perform outside the school day) in which you have participated during **the past four years**. If you receive graduation credit for your activity, it is not an extra-curricular activity and should not be listed. Example: Band is not an extra-curricular activity, Marching Band is considered extra-curricular.

School Activity	Past 4 School Years—High School/College **Identify ALL applicable years**			
1. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
2. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
3. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐
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10. _____	2022-2023 ☐	2023-2024 ☐	2024-2025 ☐	2025-2026 ☐

EMPLOYMENT

List employers and very brief job descriptions for paid work experience for **the past four years**. Estimate the total number of hours worked for this employer over the past 4 years. **There must be a number in the "Estimated Total Hours of Work" column for you to receive credit for that work experience.**

	Employer	**Estimated Total Hours of Work**
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____
8.	_____	_____

ESSAY

Write an essay of 500 words or less describing your future educational plans, career aspirations, and life goals. If you have not been involved in school or community activities, indicate how you have used your free time. If you have current or foreseeable circumstances that may affect your life, please incorporate this into your essay. The rubric used to score your essay includes: Future Educational Plans; Career Aspirations; Life Goals; Intro and Conclusion; and Sentence Structure, Grammar, and Spelling.
Answer in the space provided only. Attachments will not be accepted.

The essay will be scored using the following rubric:

1. Future Education Plans: a score of 0 to 5pts
2. Career aspirations: a score of 0 to 5pts
3. Life Goals: a score of 0 to 5pts
4. Intro. and Conclusion: a score of 0 to 5pts
5. Sentence Structure, Punctuation, Capitalization, Spelling, Paragraphs, and Organized flow: a score of 0 to 5pts

TRANSCRIPT INFORMATION

⇒ **High school seniors:**

Enter cumulative GPA below from high school classes.
Attach a high school transcript that will verify the information you entered.

⇒ **College students who have not yet completed 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits of post- secondary education:**

Enter cumulative GPA below from high school classes only.
Attach a high school transcript that will verify the information you entered.

⇒ **College or vocational-technical school students who have completed 45 quarter credits or 30 semester credits**

Enter cumulative GPA below from college courses only.
Attach a college transcript that will verify the information you entered.

Cumulative GPA _____ from attached transcript. **The blank must be filled in to have grades considered.**

CHECK BEFORE SUBMITTING!!

1. Did you include your signature on Page 2 of the application form? Without your signature, the application will **NOT** be considered.
2. If mailing, realize extra postage may be necessary. Applications submitted late due to insufficient postage will **NOT** be considered.

St. John Lutheran Church Members ONLY—PLEASE NOTE:

Grant money will also be awarded. However, a separate grant application must be completed. Please go to the church website at www.stjohnowatonna.org to obtain the form or stop in the church office!