

EDISON LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Edison Lutheran Church was founded in 1902 by Scandinavian immigrants; many of their descendants continue to worship here along with numerous others who appreciate a welcoming, nurturing, and caring faith community. Edison Lutheran is affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) which is a community of faith that shares a passion for positive changes in our world. This passion for change and concern for others form the foundation beneath the following scholarships, each subject to the rules and restrictions listed below.

Application is open to any member of Edison Lutheran Church, or to any person connected to the congregation*, who wishes to further his/her education beyond high school. Except for the Thelma Woll Jones Memorial Scholarship, applicants may further their studies at a school and in a field of their choice.

Applications can be emailed, dropped off, or mailed. All applications are due by **11:59 pm on April 15, 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted regardless of delivery method. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the application is received on time. **All applications must be complete when received, including all letters of recommendation.** Selection will be made on or before May 15, 2025. All applicants will be considered for all scholarships. There is no need to identify which scholarship you are applying for. Each scholarship may be awarded to one individual or divided among several applicants, as determined by the Edison Lutheran Church Scholarship Review Committee. Scholarships may be granted to pursuing a post-high school or post-baccalaureate degree program.

**determination as to whether a person is 'connected to the congregation' shall be made in each individual case by the Scholarship Review Committee.*

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE for 2025-2026 School Year

Edison Lutheran Church Scholarship

The ELC Scholarship is given each year to a student who exemplifies the mission and vision of the church who has been active in the church for at least one year prior to application. The amount of up to \$2000 will be awarded directly to the college of choice. Multiple scholarships are available.

Gundersen/Omdal Scholarship

The Gundersen/Omdal Scholarship is given each year to a student who exemplifies the mission and vision of the church within the community. The amount of \$2000 will be awarded directly to the college of choice.

Theresa Walter Scholarship

The Theresa Walter Scholarship is given each year to a student who exemplifies the mission and vision of the church. The amount of \$1000 will be awarded directly to the college of choice.

Thelma Woll Jones Scholarship

The Thelma Woll Jones Scholarship is given each year to a student who has a plan to attend a school to earn a degree in either the education or medical field. The amount of \$2000 will be awarded directly to the college of choice.

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School/College to be Attending:

Please include with this application:

1. Three letters of recommendation dated and written within the last 18 months: one from one of your teachers, two from others not related to you.
2. A 1-2 page essay explaining:
 - a. Your reasons for applying for this scholarship, including your immediate educational goals;
 - b. Your long-term educational and career goals
 - c. Your participation in church activities in the past year;
 - d. How your involvement in the church congregation has influenced your life and how you expect it to affect your future endeavors;
 - e. The community service activity which most impacted you (and how it shaped your thinking about your future);
 - f. The awards, degrees, accomplishments, and other scholarships you have received while attending high school or college.