



### The St. Stephen's Foundation

# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear Applicant,

We are pleased to offer this scholarship application for the 2025-2026 academic year. To be considered for a St. Stephen's Foundation Scholarship you must be accepted at or attending an accredited postsecondary school. Preference is given to graduating high school seniors (or the homeschool equivalent); however, returning college/university students are welcome to apply.

The selection process takes the following factors into consideration:

1. Church involvement
2. Volunteer and community work
3. Extracurricular school activities
4. Class rank (if available)
5. Grade point average

Priority is given to applications as follows:

1. Members of St. Stephen's Congregation
2. Legacy candidates (relatives of St. Stephen's members)
3. Members of other ELCA congregations
4. Members of other religious denominations

Applicants must complete the attached application (we encourage you to use Adobe "Fill and Sign" or another available app in lieu of printing and handwriting the application), and include an essay, two (2) letters of reference (from a teacher, coach, church leader, employer, etc.—first time applicants only) and provide a current transcript of grades (unofficial copies are acceptable).

The completed application must be received by St. Stephen's Foundation via email [foundation@ststephensmonona.org](mailto:foundation@ststephensmonona.org) on or before May 1, 2025.

If you have any questions, concerns or need additional information, please contact [foundation@ststephensmonona.org](mailto:foundation@ststephensmonona.org) with the subject line SCHOLARSHIP HELP.

May God bless you in your academic pursuits!

Yours in Christ,

Constance M. Kilmark, President  
St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church Foundation, Inc.





A completed application packages consists of the following REQUIRED materials:

- Completed application form
- Recent transcript of grades
- Essay (1000 words or fewer)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (not from family members)

*References needed only for first-time applicants*

**All materials must be received no later than May 1, 2025.**

Scholarships will be presented on Sunday, June 8 during the 9:30 Worship.

**Return completed applications to**

[foundation@ststephensmonona.org](mailto:foundation@ststephensmonona.org) **ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS PREFERRED**

Or mail to:

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church  
St. Stephen's Foundation  
5700 Pheasant Hill Rd.  
Monona, WI 53716  
RE: Scholarship Application

Applications due no later than May 1, 2025.



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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Age on May 1, 2025: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Last

First

(Middle)

Address 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

ZIP

*(Skip if not needed)*

Address 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

ZIP

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ (mobile)      Telephone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Are you a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona? (circle one)      Yes      No

***If yes, skip to SECTION II on the next page***

If not, are you related to a member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Monona?      Yes      No

***If yes, please include their name and your relationship here and skip to section II on next page***

If not, are you a member of another ELCA congregation?      Yes      No

***If yes, please include its name and address, and skip to section on the next page***

If not, please indicate your church affiliation and its address here (leave blank for none):





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## II. EDUCATION AND OTHER INFORMATION

High School(s) Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	City	State
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Years attended: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation date (anticipated or real): \_\_\_\_\_

Current Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

College/University/Postsecondary School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	City	State
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Year in postsecondary study in FALL 2025 (circle one): 1    2    3    4    5+

Intended major or area of concentration: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you attended college/university last year, please answer the following*

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Awards, honors, other special recognitions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Extracurricular Activities, Community Involvement, Volunteerism, Church Involvement:

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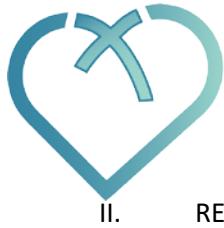
**Employment History**

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**REFERENCES (not required of returning applicants)**

Two (2) recommendation letters (*see form attached*) are required for first-time applicants. At least one should be from a school administrator, teacher, professor, coach, counselor, or other academic mentor. **References from family members or relatives are not acceptable.** Recommendation letters should be sent directly via email to [foundation@ststephensmonona.org](mailto:foundation@ststephensmonona.org) or mailed to St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, St. Stephen's Foundation 5700 Pheasant Hill Rd., Monona, WI 53716, RE: Scholarship Application. **Letters must be received no later than May 1, 2025.**

**Reference #1**

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

Last

First

(Middle)

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Reference #2**

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

Last

First

(Middle)

Company/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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



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### III. ESSAY

**In a separate document**, please write a brief essay/personal statement (1000 words maximum) discussing your academic, professional, spiritual, and personal goals. Describe the interests you plan to explore in college or post-secondary education as a means to achieve your goals.

### IV. CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE

My signature (electronic signatures are acceptable) certifies that, to the best of my knowledge and abilities, the information provided in this application is true, complete, and accurate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM

*First time applicants, please distribute a copy of this form to each of your intended references as listed in Section IV*

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your relationship to the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

What do you consider to be this applicant's greatest strengths? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do you consider to be this applicant's greatest challenges? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is there anything else we should know about this applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (electronic acceptable): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference writers: if you prefer to write a personal letter, please feel free to do so and attach your letter to this form. *Letters of recommendation must include the recommender's name, title, relationship to the applicant, and current contact information. Please return your letter/form to [foundation@ststephensmonona.org](mailto:foundation@ststephensmonona.org) no later than May 1, 2025. (Mailing address in the header)*

