



Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance Program 2024-2025 School Year

Purpose

In Proverbs 22:6, God promises Solomon, “Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it.” Although the primary responsibility for this training lies with the parents, a Lutheran education can play a large role. This program is designed to promote Lutheran education by providing financial assistance toward tuition expenses for church members whose children are attending a qualified Lutheran school.

Eligibility

Any family with at least one parent/guardian member in good standing at St. John’s Lutheran Church of Union shall be eligible to apply for tuition assistance. To maintain eligibility, the member shall meet all program requirements. The following schools qualify for tuition assistance:

- ◆ Zion Lutheran School, Marengo
- ◆ Rockford Lutheran High School, Rockford
- ◆ Any Missouri Synod Lutheran College with a degree leading to a career in church service (Pastor, Lutheran School Teacher, DCE, Deaconess, etc.)
- ◆ Other Lutheran Schools will be considered based on circumstances.

Description of Assistance

- Preschool through twelfth grade: 50 % of tuition for approved applicants, payable toward spring semester. Participants are fully responsible for fall semester tuition costs.
- Missouri Synod College and Seminary: \$1,000 per semester for approved applicants.
- Other Lutheran Schools: Not to exceed funding of the above-listed schools for approved applicants and schools.
- All non-tuition costs, such as registration, fees, books, meals, etc. shall be paid by the participant directly to the school. St. John’s assumes no responsibility for any non-tuition charges.
- Any approved payments will be made directly to the school when and if program requirements are met.
- No payments will be made directly to a participant.
- Applicants shall pursue any available school-specific financial aid for preschool through twelfth grade for which they are eligible. St. John’s will calculate 50% of the tuition cost after such awarded financial aid is applied. Please contact your school for information regarding potential aid available.

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Application Process

- Tuition Assistance applications must be submitted each school year.
- Application forms are available on the church website in the Ministries Tab, and in the church office.
- All applications shall be completed and submitted to the church office by April 1st for the following school year. Late applications will not be considered.
- Applicants will be notified by April 15th of approval status.
- St. John's will confirm the students' enrollment and obtain tuition costs directly from the school. Applicant is responsible to notify the church office immediately of any change in school enrollment status.

Program requirements for approved participants

1. New participants to the program shall schedule and attend an orientation meeting with the Business Manager, Jenny Arévalo, by May 15, 2024 to ensure program requirements are understood. Returning participants are welcome to schedule and attend an orientation if desired.
2. New and returning participants will sign an agreement indicating their understanding of and intent to meet all program requirements in their application.
3. Attendance: Student participants and at least one parent or guardian must regularly attend St. John's Lutheran Church of Union worship services. A minimum of 26 worship services must be attended between April 1, 2024 and March 31, 2025 to remain eligible for the program.
 - a. Participants must attend at least 18 of these 26 worship services by December 15, 2024 in order for St. John's to pay spring semester tuition in December. If the participant has attended 18 worship services by December 15th, St. John's will make the tuition payment to the school toward spring semester by December 31, 2024.
 - b. If less than 18 services have been attended by December 15th, St. John's will not make the payment to the school and the participant will be responsible for the spring semester payment to the school.**
 - c. In the situation described in (b), if the participant does attend the required 26 worship services by March 31st, St. John's will then make the tuition payment to the school in April, and the participant will be responsible to seek any appropriate refund from the school.
 - d. A maximum of 5 services may be attended online. The other 21 shall be attended in person.
 - e. Worship attendance shall be self-reported by participants to the church office by email, phone, or by leaving a note in the offering boxes.
 - f. Participants will receive regular email updates of the attendance information on file.
4. Volunteering: Each family shall volunteer at St. John's for 2 hours per semester per student. This requirement is capped at 4 hours per family per semester, so that families with 2 or more students will volunteer 4 hours total per semester.
 - a. There are many ways to volunteer at St. John's and ideas will be discussed at orientation.
 - b. Volunteer hours shall be self-reported by participants to the church office by email, phone, or by leaving a note in the offering boxes.
 - c. Completion of volunteer hours is necessary to maintain eligibility for the following school year.
5. Participating students in 7th and 8th grade shall participate in and complete confirmation at St. John's. This is in addition to confirmation classes at Zion Lutheran Marengo.

The Lord bless and keep you on this educational journey!

What a blessing to partner with you to bring your children up in the ways of the Lord!

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Application for 2024-2025
Due April 1, 2024

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

We plan to enroll the following child(ren) in Lutheran school for the 2024-2025 school year as listed:

Student Name	Grade	School
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

We have read, understand, and intend to meet all requirements in the St. John’s Lutheran Church Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance Program.

Parent(s) Signature	Date
_____	_____
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Return completed application to St. John’s Lutheran Church office or email to jarevalo.sjlc@gmail.com by April 1, 2024.
Contact Jenny Arévalo 815-923-2733 ext. 14 with any questions.