



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

Minnesota South District

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Student Financial Aid Policy

The following regulations govern the administration of the Minnesota South District Student Financial Aid Program.

1. The applicant shall be enrolled as a professional church worker student or be on the roster of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (graduate students). Undergraduate course work must be taken at a college or seminary operated by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Seminary students who are enrolled in residential or general SMP programs are eligible for the financial aid program administered under this policy; EIT students and SMP Church Planters qualify for financial assistance under the Mission policies of the District.
2. The applicant shall be a communicant member of a congregation in the Minnesota South District.
3. Graduate students may be enrolled in a program outside of a college or seminary operated by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Programs must benefit the ministry of the LCMS and be approved by an MN South District staff member designated by the District President.
4. The amount of student aid to be provided will be determined on the basis of District policy and funds available.
 - a. Church-worker students enrolled in full-time programs qualify for one share.
 - b. SMP students enrolled full-time in a seminary program qualify for one share.
 - c. Residential seminary students qualify for two shares.
 - d. Part-time students must be enrolled a minimum of half-time. They receive ½ share per application with a maximum of 4 shares.
5. Financial aid provided will be sent directly to the school and credited to the student's account during the current school year.
6. Students are expected to maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.00.
7. Following graduation and initial placement, the worker is expected to serve in a full-time professional ministry at least one (1) year for each year of student aid provided.
8. Funds will be provided for a period of one (1) year only. If continuing aid is required, a new application must be submitted.
9. Students not recommended for seminary admission by the District's Pre-Seminary Interview Committee, but who are admitted to a seminary of the LCMS, are not eligible for financial aid.