



# DISTRICT FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

## NOTES TO STUDENT

Student's District

### IMPORTANT!

- 1) The Nebraska District requires the FAFSA be filed before consideration for a scholarship.
- 2) Upon Completion of Section I of this application, print, sign by you and your pastor, and send to the Financial Aid office of the Concordia college/university or seminary you choose to attend.

### SECTION I: To be completed by Student.

Last Name:		First Name & Middle Initial:			
Street Address:				Telephone No:	
City, State, Zip:					
E-Mail Address:				Date of Birth:	
While in school you intend to live:		Marital Status:		Total number of dependents:	
<input type="checkbox"/> with parents	<input type="checkbox"/> off-campus	<input type="checkbox"/> Single	<input type="checkbox"/> Divorced	Self	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> on-campus		<input type="checkbox"/> Married		Spouse	<input type="checkbox"/> # of Children <input type="checkbox"/>
Do you intend to enter full-time church work?		Home Congregation/City:			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No				
Pastor's Name:		Pastor's Signature:			
Major Course of Study:		Church Work Vocation:			
Period when you will use aid:		Your Signature:**		Date:	
<input type="text"/>	to <input type="text"/>	_____		<input type="text"/>	
Month/Year	Month/Year				

*\*\*The Financial Aid Officer has my permission to share with the District any need analysis information contained in my financial aid files.*

### SECTION II: To be completed by College/University or Seminary and forwarded to the District Financial Aid Officer.

Name of Institution:		Period of District Aid:		
		_____ to _____		
		Month/Year	Month/Year	Month/Year
Address:			Student Grade Level:	
City, State, Zip:				
For Award Period		Expected Contribution		Unmet Need
Estimated Cost of Education	Estimated Gift Aid	Student	Parents	

*I certify that this student is accepted for enrollment, or is enrolled and in good standing and is making satisfactory progress.*

Signature of Financial Aid Officer (or his/her representative): _____	Date: _____
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### SECTION III: To be completed by the District.

Amount of District Aid Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## **STUDENT AID GRANT POLICIES Of the Nebraska District - LCMS**

1. To be eligible for Nebraska District financial aid, a candidate must meet the following eligibility criteria established by the Nebraska District Student Aid Committee: Candidates must:
  - a. Be a member of a Nebraska District LCMS congregation, as verified by the signature of the pastor of the congregation.
  - b. Be enrolled full time in a program to prepare for a rostered ministry position at an LCMS college, university or seminary.
  - c. Complete the application and financial aid (FAFSA) process in advance of the deadlines.
  - d. Have demonstrated unmet financial need as reported to the college, university or seminary by the FAFSA process and inserted on the District Financial Aid Application form.
  - e. Have the applications postmarked and mailed to the Financial Aid office of the college/university you choose to attend by May 1.
  - f. The Financial Aid office must complete their section (based on the FAFSA) and the fully completed application must be received in the office of the Nebraska District - LCMS by May 15.
  - g. Applications received in the office after May 15 will be considered for second semester funding only. All second semester applications must be received in the office of the Nebraska District - LCMS by December 1.
2. The Student Aid Committee awards all available financial aid dollars on the date of its meeting. The committee does not make exceptions for late applications and will not accept excuses.
3. The Student Aid Committee adopts an award formula at its annual meeting. The formula awards grants according to a sliding scale based on level of unmet need and resources available from all sources.
4. Proceeds from principal invested in the LCMS Foundation by special source grant donors will be awarded annually according to the criteria established by the donors.
5. Half of awards will be granted each semester.
6. The committee cannot award scholarships to non-residents of the Nebraska District who apply from Mission fields supported by Nebraska congregations. Applicants from outside Nebraska do not meet the guidelines of being students from Nebraska District LCMS congregations training at universities and seminaries approved by the LCMS to be fulltime church workers, showing financial need based on FAFSA's and District applications. (6-00)
7. There will be no exceptions to the no FAFSA, no grant rule for awarding aid unless it can be verified that the information was sent by the student, but lost in the mail or at the university or seminary. The decision will be made by the administrative assistant responsible for administering student aid.(7-03)

8. New Policy (1-25-2011) All candidates applying for financial aid consideration must be enrolled full-time in a course of study at an LCMS university or seminary designed to qualify them to serve as an ordained or commissioned church worker on the roster of church workers of the LCMS.

9. When the Student Aid Committee meets sometime during the month of June or the first week of July, they will consider all completed applications postmarked by May 1 with full information in the Nebraska District - LCMS office by May 15, i.e. applications completed by the student, signed by his pastor, and with the unmet need factor entered by the financial aid officer at the seminary or university. The unmet need must be based on information provided by the FAFSA system. For that to happen, the student has to complete the FAFSA application and provide the required documentation in time for the FAFSA organization to get its report back to the financial aid officer at the seminary or university before the Nebraska District - LCMS financial aid committee meeting.

10. New Policy (7-3-2012) District and restricted funds are designated for undergraduate work only, except that funds are granted for the Master of Divinity programs for pastors at the seminaries.

11. New Policy (7-10-2012) The district will no longer fund part-time students unless they began the semester full time and were forced to reduce course load after the committee meets and before classes begin. In that case, the amount awarded to the student will be reduced according to the following: Students in this situation should receive a percentage amount of the approved funds based on the percentage of full-time enrollment, providing the enrollment is at least half time. 75% enrollment means 75% of the assigned funds. 50% enrollment means 50% of the assigned funds. Less than 50% enrollment means no funds. Students who are not enrolled full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) at the time of the committee meeting will not be funded.

12. Special considerations for **Applicants who are not citizens of the United States:** The Student Financial Aid Committee will consider applications from students of Nebraska District – LCMS congregations enrolled in full time church worker programs at either seminary or at one of the Concordia Universities even though no FAFSA can be obtained because they are not yet citizens of the United States, or for some other circumstance. The need for such applicants shall be determined to be as great as the largest need shown on the FAFSAs submitted for the the year under consideration. The particular applicants will be identified by the District Education Executive on advice from the Nebraska District – LCMS Missions Executive and the Nebraska District – LCMS Treasurer, and presented for approval before each annual meeting of the Student Financial Aid Committee. If the application is received after the annual meeting, the District Education Executive on advice from the Nebraska District – LCMS Missions Executive and the Nebraska District – LCMS Treasurer will determine a course of action. (Revised 7-10-2012).

13. The Nebraska District - LCMS Student Financial Aid Committee also determines grants to elementary and secondary schools applying for tuition assistance under the guidelines of the District Tuition Assistance Program of Elementary and High School students.