

## Zion Student Assistance

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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The **Student Aid Fund** was established by the Congregation of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in 1985 with the mandate of assisting Lutheran young men and women to attend church schools, Bible colleges, and seminaries affiliated with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

**Zion Endowment Funds** have also been established for similar purposes plus Norwegian studies in Norway and Music studies..

Assistance is offered to students in the form of recognition and support - through prayer, encouragement and financial aid.

It is hoped that many of Zion's members will sense the importance of this ministry and make use of the opportunity to further the work of Christ's Kingdom. Gifts may be contributed by designating them to the Student Aid Fund or to the Endowment Funds.

### **A. The Student Assistance Committee** (Responsible to Zion Church Council)

#### 1. Function of the Committee

- a. Make students aware of Zion's educational assistance and encourage them to apply.
- b. Make the congregation aware of the student requests for support.
- c. Receive and review applications and meet with the applicants.
- d. Determine the allocation of funds by granting aid to students according to the limitation of funds available for the number of applicants in a given year.
- e. Administer both the Zion Endowment Funds and the Student Aid Fund according to their established intentions, following the principles and practices as set out in this document and forward recommended awards from the Endowment Funds to Zion Church Council for approval.
- f. Normally apply any aid granted toward the tuition fees of the student. If sufficient funds are available in a given year, certain other expenses may be considered where the need is apparent, such as for the purchase of required text books.

## 2. Members of the Student Assistance Committee

Three members of Zion congregation, approved by Zion Church Council, together with one Zion pastor, shall form the committee.

## 3. Confidentiality

- a. All matters regarding the names of applicants and the amount of individual awards made from the Student Aid Fund are to be kept confidential.
- b. The congregation as well as the original endowment donors/families may be informed (where possible) of the names of the recipients of awards from endowments.

## **B. Applicants**

1. Theology students and those intending to enter into other full-time church work (such as Parish Workers, Youth Workers, Musicians, etc.) shall receive priority over other students.
2. Students who intend to pursue a full-time career in the church, other than by ordination, may also be given consideration, even if their course of studies is through an institution not directly affiliated with the ELCIC.
3. Students who apply for assistance in attending one of the high schools affiliated with the ELCIC need only to declare their intention to finish their course of studies for that year.

## **C. Requirements of Applicants**

1. An applicant shall be a member of an ELCIC congregation.
2. All applications shall be considered regardless of the financial status of the applicant.
3. An agreement shall be signed by the applicant (and, if necessary, a parent or legal guardian) declaring their intention to complete their courses of study.
4. A recipient shall be obligated to repay the financial assistance given if he/she does not fulfill his/her declared intention of studies.
5. A recipient is expected to meet with the Student Assistance Committee at least once a year for review and encouragement.