

**GUIDELINES GOVERNING STUDENT AID  
FOR THE SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT  
OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD**

**I. GENERAL INFORMATION**

- A. The South Dakota District grants aid only to those students who are **communicant members in good standing in congregations of The South Dakota District** of The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod, and who are preparing to serve the church as **pastors, teachers, or other full-time servants to the Church, at one of the schools operated by the Synod**. Exceptions to this policy may be made by the Board of Directors in the case of a student who must study at a non-synodical school for the purpose of qualifying for admission to a synodical school.
- B. Concordia Universities: Because of limited funds and the number of applicants, Student Aid is granted only for undergraduate work. The maximum grant is \$1,600 per academic year for work at a synodically operated university.
- C. Concordia Seminaries: Grants to seminary students will be based on the information supplied by the seminaries regarding the amount of tuition that needs to be met by the home district and congregation of a student. The South Dakota District will grant half the amount the seminary has indicated has not been met through other means.
- D. Colloquy: 75% of the tuition for Lutheran teacher colloquy students shall be paid with the expectation that they will bear the other expenses.
- E. In the granting of Student Aid, no distinction is made between male or female students, or between single or married students.
- F. The amount granted is contingent upon two factors: 1) Proof of enrollment at an LCMS University or Seminary and 2) Enrollment in an academic program that leads to certification for full-time service in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.
- G. Ordinarily Grants-in-Aid are remitted by the District Office directly to the school the recipient attends, one-half of the amount granted in the fall, the second half after January 1 of a given year. Notice of remittance of grants will be sent to the student, provided the student has supplied the District Office with an up-to-date mailing address.
- H. The assistance given by The South Dakota District – LCMS is in the form of grants **intended for people entering full-time service in The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**. It is expected that students who discontinue studies for full-time church work will repay these grants.
- I. All Grants-in-Aid will be prorated on the basis of number of hours being taken and semesters/quarters attended each year. It is the responsibility of the grant applicant to supply the District Office with information regarding attendance intentions if not planning full-time school year attendance.

**II. HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY**

- A. Time of application – Students are encouraged to apply for Student Aid between February 1 and May 1 of each year. **Requests for applications and submission of applications for student aid are the responsibility of the student. Applications received after the deadline may not be considered.** Synodical schools desire to have scholarship information by June 1.
- B. When a student requests aid from the District, an “Application for Student Aid” form is needed **EACH YEAR** by the student (or parents if this is suggested by the one applying). This form is available from the **DISTRICT OFFICE**.
- C. This form should be completed and submitted immediately upon receipt by a student annually. All applications should be in the District Office by May 1 of the year prior to the school year for which aid is requested.
- D. Applicants should keep the Guidelines, returning only the Application form to The South Dakota District Office, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, PO Box 89110, Sioux Falls, SD 57109-9110.