

Our Savior's Trust Fund Scholarship 2024

Information for Graduating High School Student

Dear Students, we are glad that you are interested in applying for the Our Savior's Trust Fund Scholarship. We have created this document to share information about the scholarship and the application process. This document is not the application; the online application can be found at:

<https://oslc-wi.churchcenter.com/people/forms/692425>.

If you need assistance in accessing the online application or have questions on how to complete it, please contact Bethany Kurschner at bethany.kurschner@oslc-wi.org.

If you are seeking information about scholarships for graduate students, please contact Pastor Sarah Stumme at pastor.sarah@oslc-wi.org.

Sincerely,
The Trust Fund Scholarship Team

Purpose of the Trust Fund Scholarship

To support and celebrate graduating high school students who have been and are active in the mission and ministry of Our Saviors Lutheran Church (OSLC). To support and celebrate students seeking advanced graduate training for ministry or profession as a church worker in the ELCA or a full communion partner. This scholarship is administered by the Trust Fund Committee of Our Savior's Lutheran Church. It is supported through member donations and investments.

OSLC Trust Fund Scholarship is for applicants graduating high school and moving on to post secondary education, including vocational training, military, public service certifications and other training. This is a one time scholarship award and applicants must be members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church (OSLC), Oconomowoc, WI.

Scholarship Award Amount

The 2024 Trust Fund Scholarship Award for graduating high school students is \$500.00.

Graduating High School Student - Scholarship Criteria

High School award criteria is based on involvement in ministry and mission of OSLC. If the student has joined OSLC during high school, please include any previous church involvement along with providing a phone reference from the previous congregational pastor. If you have questions about previous church membership and how to include that in the application, please contact Bethany Kurschner at bethany.kurschner@oslc-wi.org.

In addition to completing the application form, students will be asked to complete a brief 20 minute interview with members of the scholarship team. The interview will be conducted in person or on zoom/virtual. Interview questions are included below for your preparation.

Engagement in baptismal promises/confirmation vows is the organizing structure of the application and criteria for award. The vows are as follows:

- To live among God's faithful people
- To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper
- To share the good news of Christ in word and deed
- To serve others, following the example of Jesus
- To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

Criteria for a Successful Award

- a. Complete all the parts of the application by the deadline.
- b. Planned enrollment/attendance in post secondary education, including vocational training, military, public service certifications and other training.
- c. Verification of enrollment or registration to program, college or training submitted by June 15, 2024 to Bethany Kurschner at bethany.kurschner@oslc-wi.org
- d. Participation in the ministry and mission of OSLC.
- e. Communicate a plan for growing in faith.
- f. Complete an interview with the scholarship team.

2024 Scholarship Application and Award Timeline for Graduating High School Students

Completed Scholarship Applications are due on April 1, 2024.
Students will be notified on April 3 of the interview schedule.
Interviews will take place between April 8 and April 24.
Students will be notified of awards by April 30.
Students will be recognized on May 19 at the 10:30 am worship service.
Deadline for Verification of program enrollment or registration, June 15,2024.
Scholarships will be awarded by August 15, 2024 (unless notified by the scholarship team of a different date).

2024 Trust Fund Scholarship Team

Trust Fund Member and Scholarship Liaison: Scott Warwick
At Large Member of Congregation: Melissa Krahn
HS Lay Youth Leader: Molly Neumann
HS Ministry Director: Bethany Kurschner
Pastor: Rev. Sarah Stumme

More information

If you need more information or have questions about completing the Trust Fund Scholarship application, please contact the High School Ministry Director at bethany.kurschner@oslc-wi.org.

Graduating High School Student Trust Fund Application Questions

This is **NOT** the application, it is a copy of the application form to help you prepare.

To complete the application form, go to: <https://oslc-wi.churchcenter.com/people/forms/692425>.

If you need assistance in accessing the form, please contact the High School Ministry Director Bethany Kurschner at bethany.kurschner@oslc-wi.org.

Name and Contact Information

1. First and Last Name:
2. Current Address:
3. Parent(s) name:
4. Parent address if different from above:
5. If you became a member of Our Savior's during High School, please provide your previous congregation name and address.

Future Program Information:

I am or plan to be enrolled in the following program, college, or training and am applying to this scholarship to help cover the costs incurred in 2024:

Name of Institution or Program:

Address of Institution or Program:

Anticipated start date:

Please send a copy of verification of enrollment/registration via email to bethany.kurschner@oslc-wi.org by June 15, 2024. Verification will be required prior to receipt of award funds.

Application Questions

The application questions are short answer questions and based on the baptismal promises/confirmation vows. A couple of sentences are sufficient to answer the questions.

1. To live among God's faithful people

How have you continued to engage with your OSLC family after confirmation?

For example: what events, activities, or service have you participated in church? If you were employed at OSLC, please include that as well.

Please share your engagement by year. You may list the same activities in more than one year. Please list activities (there is no need to write sentences for this question).

Freshman Year:

Sophomore Year:

Junior Year:

Senior Year:

2. To hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper

Thinking back on worship, what worship services or parts of worship were impactful to you and helped you feel connected to God?

3. To share the good news of Christ in word and deed

Please share a Bible verse that has been significant in your relationship with Jesus and how or why it has been important to you.

4. To serve others, following the example of Jesus

Think about your life a year from now. You've been out of HS just about a year, what do you hope your faith will look like? How would you like it to grow?

5. To strive for justice and peace in all the earth

How has your faith informed areas of your life outside of the church walls? How have you served your community during high school?

6. How has your faith informed what course of study (major, program) you are considering or have selected? If you have not yet selected one, please share potential interest(s).

7. Anything else you would like us to know about or has had an impact on your faith during High School?

Interview Questions

In addition to completing the application form, students will be asked to complete a brief 20 minute interview with members of the scholarship team. The interview will be conducted in person or on zoom/virtual. The Interview questions are included for your preparation.

1. What are three words you would use to describe your faith?
2. Of the baptismal promises/confirmation vows, which one is easiest or most natural for you? Which one is more difficult? What might be one that you try to grow into next year?

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3. Looking back at activities (Q#1 of the application) - which ones might you continue next year or how will that change?
4. From the Bible passage you selected for the application: What catches your attention or stands out to you in the passage? How did this become an important passage to you?
5. If you were giving advice to yourself when you were confirmed (thinking back to confirmation and the end of 8th grade) what would you tell your younger self?
6. Imagine it is a year from now, how do you think your faith will grow? How would you like it to grow? How will you connect with a church/faith community next year - what first steps might you take?