



EASTERN SYNOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND & SPENCER-BARCHE EDUCATION TRUST FUND

HISTORY AND PURPOSE

These funds are available for the school year 2012-2013. The purpose is to encourage, through financial support, Christian young people enrolling in post-secondary educational institutions. This support is designed to enable them to pursue a vocation in society as Christian men and women.

A BURSARY PROGRAM

The **Synod Scholarship Fund** is a program administered by the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada when funds are available. A selection committee appointed by the Synod Council directs the Synod Scholarship Fund.

The **Spencer-Barche Educational Trust Fund** is a program coordinated by the Eastern Synod and the Regional Board for Lutheran Campus Ministry – Eastern Canada. A Board of five Trustees that have been appointed to supervise its activities directs this Trust Fund.

This scholarship program is not solely based upon academic achievement. Rather, it seeks to make awards to those people who have special financial needs and as an encouragement to their pursuit of a post-secondary education (college and/or university).

The amount of the awards will normally be \$1,000 for the Synod Scholarship Fund and will range from \$250 to \$400 for the Spencer-Barche Fund. The number of awards will be based upon the number and needs of the applicants. The awards for the Synod Scholarship Fund will be made whenever funds are available, and for the Spencer-Barche fund on an annual basis with recipients eligible to apply in subsequent years.

ELIGIBILITY

The following general guidelines will apply to awards:

- A) Recipients of awards from the Synod Scholarship Fund must **be members of Eastern Synod congregations** who are engaged in or about to engage in full-time post-secondary school studies. Preference will be given to *first year* students.
- B) Recipients of awards from the Spencer-Barche Fund are not required to be Lutheran, however, the following criteria will be seriously considered:
 - i. an active member of a congregation of the Eastern Synod
 - ii. an active member of a Lutheran congregation
 - iii. an active participant of the Christian Church.
- C) The Selection Committee will consider the following factors in order of their priority:
 - 1) Christian character

- 2) Financial need
 - 3) Personality
 - 4) Vocational promise
 - 5) Dedicated participation in the Church
 - 6) Dedicated participation in the Community
 - 7) Academic Achievement
- D) Awards **will not** normally be made to students studying in educational institutions of theology (i.e. Seminaries) leading to a vocation in the ordained ministry.
- E) Previous recipients of the **Synod Scholarship Fund** are eligible to apply for a Spencer-Barche grant, but will not be considered for a second Synod Scholarship grant.
- F) Previous recipients of **Spencer-Barche Educational Trust Fund** are eligible to apply for subsequent Spencer-Barche grants, as well as the one-time Synod Scholarship grant.
- G) Recipients should remain active in the ministry of the Church during the period of the award. Such involvement **might** include participation in Christian witness through the campus ministry program of the Lutheran Church.
- H) The Board of Trustees of the Spencer-Barche Educational Trust Fund and the Committee for the Synod Scholarship Fund have the discretionary power to vary the aforesaid guidelines.

FILING AN APPLICATION

Each applicant will be responsible for ensuring that the following are submitted to the Selection Committee by the **deadline of May 14th, 2012**:

- A) The enclosed **application form** with **Financial Statement**.
- B) **Two Letters of Reference**. One letter should be from your pastor.
- C) A photocopy of **transcripts** from your mid-term marks.

Successful applicants will receive notification of awards by July 31st. Awards will be paid at the beginning of October 2012, subject to verification of full-time enrollment.

NOW IT IS UP TO YOU!

Please follow these guidelines carefully in preparing your application and supporting documentation. If you have any questions, please contact your pastor or the Eastern Synod Office at (519) 743-1461 or 1-877-373-5242.

NOTE: LATE OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Send your application to:

Scholarships
 c/o Eastern Synod
 74 Weber St W
 Kitchener, ON N2H 3Z3



EASTERN SYNOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND & SPENCER-BARCHE EDUCATION TRUST FUND APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ single married # of dependents []
male female

Home Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth (Day Month Year): _____

Educational Institute(s) Applied to: _____

Have you previously received a scholarship from:

- 1) The Synod Scholarship Fund Yes No If Yes, When? _____
- 2) The Spencer-Barche Fund Yes No If Yes, When? _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Anticipated Expenses for Year
(September to September)

Anticipated Income for Year
(September to September)

Accommodation	_____	Savings Accumulated	_____
Board	_____	Gifts from Family	_____
Tuition	_____	Scholarships/Awards	_____
Books & Study Materials	_____	Anticipated from Employment	_____
Incidentals:			
Travel (i.e. to school)	_____	Other (i.e. Loans, etc.) (Please specify)	_____
Personal Items	_____		_____
Other (Please specify)	_____		_____
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS:	_____	TOTAL ASSETS:	_____

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Institution Name:
(High School, etc.)

School Address:

High School Graduation Date:

Will your major program of post-secondary study be in the area of Christian Education or Canadian Lutheran Church History?

YES

NO

CHURCH INFORMATION

I am a member of:

Church Name:

Address:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On a separate piece of paper, briefly describe your:

- involvement in both church and community activities,
- employment experiences, and
- educational plans.

REFERENCES

Name:

Pastor

Other

Address:

Email:

Phone #:
