

Scholarship for Lutheran laywomen

Application Checklist

The application process is completed when:

- the following forms have been emailed directly to Women of the ELCA by the writers:
 - Complete application**
 - Transcript--** *Or letter of acceptance. Unofficial Transcript is fine!*
 - Pastor's Reference Form--** *(If the pastor is a relative, request a reference from the chairperson or vice-chairperson of the congregation.)*
 - Academic Reference Form--** *(A letter of recommendation from a faculty member who has taught the applicant within the last three years; disregard if out of school more than three years.)*
 - Personal Reference Form--** *(A letter from someone who has knowledge of the applicant's potential.)*

Email all application materials to:
Women of the ELCA Scholarship Program
Women.ELCA@elca.org
Subject line: Scholarship (Name of Applicant)

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General Information

Please provide mailing address, phone and email address that you check frequently during the scholarship process

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, state, ZIP: _____

Phone number: day _____ evening _____

Email address: _____

Age: _____

United States citizen Yes No

Name of your ELCA congregation: _____

Congregation city and state: _____

My congregation has a Women ELCA unit? Yes No

Name of synod: _____ Region number and letter: _____

Have you previously received a Women of the ELCA scholarship? Yes No

If yes, what year? _____ Amount: \$ _____

Optional Information

Ethnicity: African Descent-- (Black, African Caribbean, African American, African Nationals) American Indian and Alaska Native Arab and Middle Eastern Asian and Pacific Islander Caucasian Latino Other

Marital Status: Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated

Ages of **dependent** children: _____

Historical Information

Please provide educational history starting beginning with high school and work history beginning with most recent position.

Education

List schools attended, starting with high school.

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Diploma/Degree</u>	<u>Dates Attended</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Professional or Occupational Background

List most recent position first.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Dates of employment</u>	<u>Reason for Leaving</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Application Information

Proposed Studies – Program for this application

Name of university or institution: _____

City and state: _____

Course of study: _____

Starting date: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

Program: _____

Starting date: _____ Expected completion date: _____

Financial Information

Include 2026-2027 anticipated academic expenses

Program costs (in detail) Tuition: \$ _____ Books: \$ _____ Supplies: \$ _____
\$ _____ Total. Amount Requested from WELCA: \$ _____

(Amount granted is typically between 1,000-5,000 per semester.)

In program costs, please do not include costs that are covered by financial aid or other scholarships.

Written responses: Please write an essay--no more than 500 words that includes responses to the following 5 questions. Please attach this essay to your application email as a word document.

1. What are your career goals?
2. How will this course of study advance your career goals?
3. How are you involved in Women of the ELCA (unit, synodical women's organization and churchwide Women of the ELCA)?
4. How will this course of study impact your involvement in Women of the ELCA and community?
5. Why should Women of the ELCA invest in you?