



Press Release

The Lutheran Lay Fellowship of the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area (LLF) is pleased to announce the availability of one scholarship award for 2020.

One of the five objectives of the LLF is “to initiate and support worthy project of a religious, charitable, and educational nature.” The promotion and encouragement of the pursuit of degree oriented education among Lutheran students is the purpose of the scholarship program.

This program, which is an outgrowth of the Bly Scholarship Program and the Scherzer Scholarship Program (both of which were administered by LLF’s Scholarship Committee under the direction of its Board of Directors), supports this objective. Collectively, the intention of the two original programs was to direct awards to promising students entering careers which would enable them to help those in need of spiritual development, and/or affordable shelter and medical attention both at home and abroad. This intention is continued in this program focusing on committed applicants going into their **third or fourth year of undergraduate study** or to a **Lutheran Seminary student**.

For churches wishing to advertise this scholarship to their congregations, see our website www.LutheranLayFellowship.org and click on the **Scholarship** tab for more detailed information and bulletin inserts.

Application deadline is April 15, 2020.

About LLF

LLF is an organization for women and men, both lay and clergy, active in the Nation's Capital area. “As early as 1936, feeling there was a definite need for closer cooperation between Lutheran laity and clergy, a group of laymen in the Washington, DC. Metropolitan area, organized to hold meetings that would bring pastors and laity closer together. Due to jurisdictional differences as well as ministerial difficulties, very little success was achieved until the fall of 1941. Then the group met and decided to hold a luncheon once a month, invite their friends and bring visitors. The first luncheon was a success, and within three months every Lutheran judicatory was represented...” [From a *Lutheran Directory of Metropolitan Washington, DC, published in 1999.*]

Today, more than 80 years later, the Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington takes pride in knowing that every night, 365 nights each year, more than 1,000 low income seniors and disabled persons live in safety and friendship in four high rises owned and managed by Fellowship Square Foundation, Inc. By means of annual scholarships and grants, LLF also supports various college and seminary students; it also provides ushering services for major inter-Lutheran events. But most of all, LLF is known far and wide as a place to hear stimulating speakers on timely topics and to make friends from other Lutheran congregations—friendships that last for decades!

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