

INVEST IN YOUTH

ESTABLISH A CONGREGATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP

Concordia Congregational Scholarship Program

A Partnership Between Concordia College and Congregations

A large congregation in northeastern Minnesota allocates one percent of its budget for scholarships. Each student attending Concordia receives \$1,000 from the church, and Concordia matches an additional \$1,000.

Whether your congregation is large or small, you can give a congregational scholarship. Concordia matches up to \$1,000 for all congregations. In 2020-21, 140 students received more than \$217,000 from congregations and matching funds from Concordia through the program.

How to Establish a Congregational Scholarship

Here are some ideas for funding your scholarship:

- Designate an amount in your congregational budget or other auxiliary for the scholarship.
- Establish a separate account with funds from bequests, memorials and special gifts.
- Use interest from an investment or endowment to fund the scholarship.

Note: It is not acceptable for parents or other relatives to contribute to the Concordia Congregational Matching Scholarship and to designate their relatives as the recipient. This is a violation of tax law that can jeopardize nonprofit status for both Concordia and the church. Concordia reserves the right to refuse matching funds if the program is used improperly.

How to Administer the Scholarship

- Announce the scholarship at least twice a year to encourage high school seniors to apply.
- Designate a committee to administer the scholarship.
- Once recipient(s) are selected, notify Concordia's Financial Aid Office by Aug. 15. Include the name(s) of the student(s), amount of the award(s) and which semester(s) to apply the funds.
- Remit funds by notification deadline (no money orders). Funds must be sent to the Financial Aid Office to be eligible for matching.

Note: Concordia Congregational Scholarships are available to students who have been accepted for admission and will be enrolled at least half time. Receipt of a Congregational Scholarship of up to \$1,000 will not decrease the student's gift assistance.

Reasons for Congregations to Establish Scholarships

- To help young people grow in faith and wisdom, in service to God and all humankind.
- To provide financial assistance in a critical time of rising costs and decreased government aid.
- To support Christian higher education and encourage prospective students and their families to consider Concordia.
- To invest in future church leadership.

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