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**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 2018-19, 204 students received more than $287,000 from congregations and matching funds from Concordia through the program.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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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