

Grace Lutheran Church
Paul M. Varner Scholarship Fund

LIFE OF SERVICE

Reverend Paul M. Varner was a son and member of the Evangelical Lutheran Grace Church Congregation, now known as Grace Lutheran Church. His home was between the Thornville and Glenford areas, and while he did not serve as pastor of Grace, his legacy for a life of service was known to many. In 1984, to commemorate his life of service, a tuition aid fund was established at Grace, in celebration of Pastor Varner's fiftieth year of ordination.

The amount of the tuition aid awarded will depend on the amount in the fund. The maximum amount dispersed per year is \$350.00 per student. The maximum amount a student may receive will be \$500.00 for a 2 year college or technical degree or \$1000.00 for a 4-year college or university degree. An additional amount will be considered for a seminary degree.

The application is to be received or postmarked by June 30th of each year. Grace Lutheran Church Council will be in charge of reviewing documents and awarding scholarships every August.

QUALIFICATIONS

The Paul M. Varner Scholarship Fund is open to all active members of Grace Lutheran church who are 18-22 years of age during their Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and Senior year at an accredited 2-year school or college, technical college or 4-year college or university and maintain at least a 2.5 GPA, regardless of major. There is no age restriction for a seminary student.

Please submit the following documents:

First year applicants:

- completed application (see reverse), postmarked or received by June 30th of current year
- essay of 500 words or more (750 maximum) describing your recent involvement at Grace Lutheran Church and how your involvement has created an awareness of the need to help others
- high school final grade card, transcript or copy of diploma
- one formal proof of acceptance and intent to attend a secondary education institution. Suggested documents include:
 - Current financial document from the school showing payment or student loan disbursements
 - Current course schedule
 - Other official school documents showing current registration in courses

For those reapplying each year tuition aid is sought, please submit the following:

- completed application (see reverse) submitted by June 30th of the current year
- a new essay (word count above) describing or updating your plan for a life of service within your field of choice
- a current transcript or document from the school, college or university that includes your GPA
- one of the formal proofs of acceptance listed above

The scholarship fund will be governed by Grace Lutheran Church Council.

