# Eastern Synod logo - black - no backgroundFor the school year: 2025/2026

#  Scholarship Information

# History and Purpose

The purpose of these scholarship funds is to provide financial support to those young Christians wishing to or currently pursuing a post-secondary education. All funds are administered by a Scholarship Committee appointed by the Eastern Synod Council. This financial support is available for the 2025-2026 academic year. Below is the scholarship fund that, subject to available funding, is open for qualified candidates to apply.

The ***Spencer-Barche Educational Trust Fund*** was established in 1983 and coordinated by the Eastern Synod to encourage young Christian people to pursue a vocation in which they continue to serve their Lord.

 ***All scholarships are administered by the Eastern Synod and applications will be reviewed by a committee appointed by the Eastern Synod Council.***

The number of awards will be based upon the number and needs of the applicants. The awards for the Synod Scholarship Fund will be made whenever funds are available.

# Eligibility

***\*Awards will not normally be made to students in educational institutions of theology (i.e Seminaries) leading to a vocation in the ordained ministry.***

The following general guidelines apply to awards:

Recipients of awards from the ***Spencer-Barche Fund*** must be, and remain during the scholarship period, members of an Eastern Synod Congregation (which can include participation in a campus ministry program), enrolled in or about to enroll in full time post-secondary studies in a college or university, and be an active participant of the Christian Church.

Recipients will be considered, by the selection committee, based on factors such as:

* Christian Character
* Financial need
* Personality
* Vocational promise
* Academic achievement
* Dedicated participation in the church and community.

***\*Previous recipients are eligible to apply for subsequent scholarships***

**Filing an Application**

Each applicant will be responsible for ensuring that the following are submitted to the Selection Committee by the **deadline of Friday May 30th 2025**:

1. The enclosed **application form** with **Financial Statement**.
2. **Two Letters of Reference**. One letter should be from your pastor.
3. A photocopy of **transcripts** from your mid-term marks.

Successful applicants will receive notification of awards in August 2025. Awards will be paid at the beginning of October 2025 subject to verification of full-time enrollment.

# Now it is up to you!

 If you have any questions, please contact the Eastern Synod Office at (519) 743-1461 or 1-877-373-5242

**Note: Late or incomplete applications will not be considered**

**Send your scanned application by email to Cindy Stubbs @** **cstubbs@elcic.ca****, OR mail a hardcopy to:

Scholarships
c/o Eastern Synod
74 Weber St W., Kitchener, ON N2H 3Z3**

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#  Application Form

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| Name: |  |  |  |  |
| SINGLE |  | MARRIED  | number of dependents\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |  |
| male  |  FEMALE  nonbinary  |  |  |  |
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| Home Address: |   |  |
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| City: |  | Province: |  | Postal Code: |  |
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| Home Phone: |  | Cell: |  |  |  |
| Email: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Date of Birth (Day Month Year): |  |  |  |
| Educational Institute(s) Applied to: | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Have you previously received a Scholarship through the Eastern Synod? | Yes  | No If yes when | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| Signature of applicant: |  | Date: |  |

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###### Financial Statement

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| --- | --- |
| **Anticipated Expenses for Year****(September to September)** | **Anticipated Income for Year****(September to September)** |
| Accommodation |  |  | Savings Accumulated |  |
| Board |  |  | Gifts from Family |  |
| Tuition |  |  | Scholarships/Awards |  |
| Books & Study Materials |  |  | Anticipated from Employment |  |
| **Incidentals:** |  |  |  |
| Travel (i.e. to school) |  |  | Other (i.e. Loans, etc.)(Please specify) |  |  |
| Personal Items |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other (Please specify) |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS:** |  |  | **TOTAL ASSETS:** |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Signature of applicant: |  | Date: |  |

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**Previous Education**

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| Institution Name:(High School, etc.) |  |
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| School Address: |  |  |
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| High School Graduation Date: |  |  |
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**Church Information**

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| I am a member of: |  |
|  | Church Name: |  |
|  | Address: |  |
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**Additional Information – Don’t Miss This Section!**

***On a separate piece of paper, briefly describe your:***

* *involvement in both church and community activities.*
* *employment experiences, and*
* *educational plans.*

**References**

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| Name: |  |  |  |
|  |  | Pastor |  | Other |
| Address: |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Email: |  |  |  |
| Phone #: |  |  |  |