

2026 GRACE LOKKEN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Applications are due by Sunday, May 10th at 11:59pm

No late applications will be accepted

TWO \$500 SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED.

RECIPIENTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON MAY 17, 2026

DURING WORSHIP SERVICES

Completed applications may be submitted in one of two ways:

- 1) PDF file electronically via email to lori@welcometopeace.org*
- 2) Paper copy in drop box outside church doors (South entrance) or paper copy dropped in the small black drop box outside church office*

The Grace Lokken Memorial Scholarship is available to High School Graduates who are active members of Peace Lutheran Church, Baldwin, Wisconsin.

Applicants must be enrolled in, or be enrolling in, a full-time program (i.e. 12 credits per semester). **This includes any accredited post-high school education (i.e. Public/Private University, Community College, Technical School).*

The scholarship will be payable to the Student after the Student provides proof of successful completion of one semester of classes and proof of registration for a second semester.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will be led by the current Church Treasurer (or his or her designee if there is a conflict of interest (e.g. Treasurer is the relative of possible applicant or related to the Grace Lokken family)). The Treasurer will select a minimum of two, or a maximum of four, additional Peace Lutheran Church Adult Members to complete the Scholarship Selection Committee. Members may or may not be asked to sit on the Committee in future years; this is not an appointed, or ongoing position.

The process of selecting the two recipients for the Grace Lokken Memorial Scholarship will be "blind", meaning the Scholarship Selection Committee Members will not know the names of the applicants. The Business Administrator collecting the applications will be the only person with knowledge of the applicant's identity; The Business Administrator will redact and "blind" as much personal information from the application as possible to assist in this process yet maintain the content necessary to select the best essays.

The Scholarship winner has two years to claim the award; if the applicant fails to meet the eligibility criteria within a two-year time frame, the \$500 award will not be disbursed, but remain in the endowment fund. (The 2026 winners must claim the scholarship by May 17, 2028.)

The Scholarship Selection Committee, at its discretion, may award less than TWO scholarships this year. The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee is final.

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Thank you for your interest in applying for the 2026 Grace Lokken Memorial Scholarship through Peace Lutheran Church, Baldwin, Wisconsin.

The Scholarship Selection Committee is asking for an essay written in your own voice. They are suggesting a length of 400-650 words, but you may write more or less as needed to communicate your response effectively.

Please include the following information at the top of your essay:

Name, Address, Phone Number, High School you're Graduating from, Post-Secondary School you'll be Attending, Choice of Program/Major.

What is the Committee looking for? Here's what they want to hear:

- What are your future plans and career goals? How do you see God's hand in these plans?
- What activities have you been a part of at Peace Lutheran Church?
- Where else have you been AND where do you plan to be the hands & feet of Jesus?
- Additional information and description of your faith walk.

Applicants are expected to submit original work.

Please do not use AI to create your scholarship essay.

The Scholarship Selection Committee, at their discretion, may reject your application if there is evidence or strong indication that AI was used in its creation.

***Please be sure that you have read and understand the details of the application criteria that is attached to this document.

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