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Dear Students and Parents:

We want to take this opportunity to welcome you as you continue your faith journey and make you aware of an exciting opportunity that is available to you as a member of Hope Lutheran Church.

For many students, the future includes plans for continuing education beyond high school. Hope Lutheran Church has several scholarships that are available to seniors in high school who are planning to attend vocational school, junior college, a four-year university, classes toward a professional license or a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America as full-time students. Scholarships are available as you continue to further your education.

The following scholarships are available to you. One application is good for all of them. The Robert E. and Alice V. Geiwitz Scholarships, the Norman and Lillian Larson Scholarship, the Hazel and Albert Borson Scholarship, the Elmer Weltz and Pastor John Thorstenson Hope Lutheran Education Scholarship, the Agnes Rye and Donald and Susan Rye Scholarship, the Gary Johnson Family Scholarship and the Art and Anne Pennings Scholarship are given to help students with their educational expenses. Please read the enclosed historical information and criteria for each scholarship.

We look forward to your active participation as a member of Hope Lutheran and your church of choice in the future. We look forward to helping you further your education as you continue your Christian life. The enclosed application is due at the church office by April 1, 2025. You need to apply each year by **April 1<sup>st</sup>**, so that we can plan for all the students who apply. The application is also on the Hope Lutheran website: <https://hopeminneota.com/scholarships.html>

As a member of Hope Lutheran Church, you only need to submit one application to apply for all these scholarships. You must submit an application each April as you continue your education. Your intentions should be in the form of a very short letter informing us of the school you will be attending, your field of study or academic interest, and fill out the Application Form for a Scholarship. The last required part is a short, typed essay answering the question "How has your faith or Hope Lutheran Church impacted your daily life, career goals, life goals, how you interact with others, or your outlook in life?"

We wish you every success in your education and future.

Hope Lutheran Scholarship Committee