

Rules and Regulations for Student Aid

A. Eligibility for Student Aid: Only a student of the Ohio District shall be eligible for Student Aid Funds:

1. Who, at an LCMS college/university or seminary is preparing to become a full time professional worker in the church, such as Pastor, Teacher, Deaconess, Director of Christian Education, or other approved full time profession.
2. Who, in unusual cases, attends a synodically-supported institution at the high school level and has signed a Declaration of Intent to enter the preaching or teaching ministry.
3. Where the income of the parents, the student's own possible earnings and other regular support are inadequate to meet the financial requirements of the school which the student is attending.

B. Applications for Student Aid:

1. Each student desiring financial aid shall **annually** submit all financial aid forms provided by the Committee, which include the District Financial Aid Application Form, Pastor Evaluation Form and the Repayment Agreement. A recent photograph of each applicant should be included with the forms.
2. The Committee shall not consider any application unless the school in which the prospective student intends to study shall first have approved his enrollment.
3. The applicant's Pastor shall complete and sign the Pastor Evaluation of Applicant form, stating character, ability and financial need of the applicant. If the applicant's father is the Pastor, the Counselor of the respective Circuit shall complete and sign the Pastor Evaluation Form.
4. All financial aid forms, as stated above, must be received by the Ohio District Office by June 15.
5. Vicars are not eligible for financial aid from the Ohio District, but must submit required financial aid forms in order to receive grant money from LWML.

C. Regulations Regarding Aid:

1. The amount of aid requested from the Ohio District shall be given in exact figures; however, the sum shall not exceed 80% of the total tuition, board, room and other fees required by the school attended.
2. Financial aid shall not be granted to a student a second year in the same class.
3. A student who receives financial aid is expected to lead a Christian life and to be faithful in the pursuit of his studies. Schools may submit regular reports on supported students and may with each report either recommend or refuse to recommend continued support.
4. A written request will be supplied to the Ohio District Treasurer covering the disbursements for each student for that period. The Treasurer shall send the monies designated directly to the respective school. The school shall send receipts to the student and the Committee.
5. The Committee shall reserve the right to investigate the case of any applicant at any time when deemed necessary.
6. A student who discontinues his studies at an LCMS college/university or seminary, for reasons other than ill health, shall be required to repay the full amount advanced in his behalf by the Ohio District.