

REV. PHILIP S. BENDLE, III, SCHOLARSHIP FUND

APPLICATION

DESCRIPTION

The Philip S. Bendle, III, Scholarship Fund was created in September of 2003 with the approval of his wife, Susan Bendle, under the auspices of Trinity Lutheran Church, Pottsville, Pennsylvania. The Scholarship is named in honor of The Reverend Philip S. Bendle, III, who was a long term pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, a member of the Pottsville Area School District School Board, and a dedicated advocate for youth and education in Pottsville and Schuylkill County.

This Scholarship Fund is overseen on behalf of Trinity Lutheran Church by a Scholarship Committee which is responsible for directing the Fund's investments, and selecting the recipients of Scholarship awards. The Committee may exercise its discretion in the review of applications as it considers appropriate. Church related activities will be given significant weight by the Committee. A biography of Pastor Bendle is attached to this Application. The Committee will endeavor to measure applicants against the example set by Pastor Bendle's life, faith, and work.

The Scholarship is in the form of a one time grant to a graduating high school senior, or high school graduate who has taken time off (not exceeding one year) prior to beginning postsecondary education. Applicants to any accredited college or university, vocational/technical institution, commercial art school, school of nursing, or other similar educational institution are eligible. The determination of the amount to be awarded in each year, and the designation of the recipients, are at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

PROCEDURES

The applicant must have a school official complete the section under Transcript Information and complete all other portions of this form. The latest available high school transcript must be attached, as well as a personal statement and letter of reference.

To be eligible, an applicant must be an active member of Trinity Lutheran Church and must have demonstrated strong academic performance throughout their high school years. The Scholarship committee will assess academic achievements in the context of the grading scale used by each applicant's respective high school, ensuring fair consideration for all candidates.

In order that the Committee may have adequate time to review applications, the deadline for submission of the completed application is Monday, March 16, 2025.

The Scholarship Committee will determine the recipient(s) by May 1 each year. The recipient(s) will be informed of the Committee's decision and will be recognized on Graduate Recognition Day at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The amount awarded to the successful applicant(s) will be forwarded directly to the educational institution at the start of the fall semester in the student's first year.

Name: Last	First	Middle
Street		Apartment
City	State	Zip
Phone ()	email	
Father's Name	Occupation	
Address		
Mother's Name	Occupation	
Address		

Please list the name of the post-secondary school for which financial aid is requested. If not yet known, please list in order of preference where applications have been sent.

School	City	State
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School	City	State

- G Four-Year College or University
- G Trade/Technical School
- G Other

Major or course of study: _____

Activities, Awards and Honors (include Trinity, Community, and School related)

Activity	# of Years Participated	Awards, Honors, Offices Held

Transcript Information

High school applicants must include a copy of the transcript of their grades as of the completion of their junior year.

High school seniors must have the following section completed by a school official.

Applicant ranked _____ in a class of _____ at end of junior year
Cumulative G.P.A. at completion of first semester, senior year _____
School Official's Signature _____
Date _____ Title _____
School Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Work Experience

Describe any work experience during your high school years.

Company	Position	Dates	Hours Worked	Amt.Earned/Week

Personal Statement: Please submit a statement on attached sheets, not to exceed two typewritten double-spaced pages, describing what about Trinity Lutheran Church has positively affected your life and how that bears on your aspirations and educational goals. Think carefully about this statement; it is very important in the selection process. **Applications without a statement will not be considered. The statement should be typed.**

Unusual Circumstances: Please report any family, personal, or financial circumstances which you think warrant consideration; e.g., financial hardship, unmet financial need, disabilities, family separation, unusual family responsibilities.

Please include a letter of recommendation from an adult of your choice (excluding employees of Trinity Lutheran Church).

Application Checklist: This application is complete and valid only when you have submitted:

- G Completed Application
- G Current Transcript of Grades
- G Personal Statement
- G Letter of Recommendation

The materials should be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Rev. Philip S. Bendle, III Scholarship Committee
Trinity Lutheran Church
300 West Arch Street
Pottsville, PA 17901

Certification: In submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Falsification of information will result in termination of consideration or forfeiture of any scholarship granted.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____