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News Release

Lutheran Seminarians, College Students Invited to Apply for Bethesda Auxiliary Scholarships

Up to \$3,000 will be awarded to students who plan to enhance the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Milwaukee – The Bethesda Lutheran Communities Auxiliary, in partnership with AbleLight, is offering students up to \$3,000 in scholarships for the 2023-24 school year. The scholarships are for undergraduate- or graduate-level students, including seminarians.

“We’re pleased to support young men and women who hope to put their talents and energy toward enhancing the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities,” said Gail Nicolaus, president of Bethesda Lutheran Communities Auxiliary. “Furthering the achievements of students who have a shared interest in supporting the AbleLight mission helps us all. It’s gratifying to be able to empower these students in such a direct way.”

The deadline to apply is May 12, 2023, with results to be announced by July 1, 2023. To download an application, go to <https://ablelight.org/scholarships/>.

Seminarian/Post-Graduate Students: Scholarships will be awarded to a Lutheran seminarian(s) or post-graduate(s) displaying interest in service to people with developmental disabilities in a congregational setting. The scholarship application is open to all eligible seminary/post-graduate students.

Criteria:

- Be an active, communicant member of a Lutheran congregation.
- Be a current college senior, a person accepted to begin seminary or post-graduate studies in the fall, or currently classified as a first-year or second-year student at any Lutheran seminary. Students going on to their internship/vicarage year do not qualify.
- Have a commitment to include people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities within the local parish, giving them the opportunity to study God's Word and serve.

College and university students: Scholarships will be awarded to junior and senior students pursuing undergraduate degrees in any academic area that will prepare them to serve and support people with developmental disabilities.

Criteria:

- Be an active, communicant member of a Lutheran congregation.
- Be classified as a junior or senior at an accredited 4-year college or university.
- Have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Have a career objective in the field of ministry with people living with developmental disabilities, allowing opportunities to share the Gospel and Jesus' love with them and establish a wonderful relationship of shared faith.

About Bethesda Lutheran Communities Auxiliary

Bethesda Lutheran Communities Auxiliary is a nationwide organization that reaches forward in faith, word, and deed by sharing the love of Jesus with people who have developmental disabilities in partnership with AbleLight.

About AbleLight

AbleLight is a national leader in pioneering life-changing services that empower people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to thrive. Founded in 1904 in Wisconsin as a Christian mission, AbleLight promotes independence and inclusion across the U.S. through comprehensive and individualized supports that include housing, employment, spiritual life and much more. For details, go to AbleLight.org, like our Facebook page and follow us on LinkedIn.

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