

Dear Scholarship Applicants,

The Anita Korensky Scholarship was established in 1997, by the husband and children in Anita's memory. Anita, a long time member of St. Mark had been involved in education for many years.

Applicants should be preparing to enroll or continue in traditional or non-traditional programs that could include higher education in the forms of college, trade-schools, and for advanced degrees.

Previous recipients may apply again. Please read and follow criteria for the scholarship carefully. Applications will be rated by a rubric included for your information.

The top two applicants will receive scholarship awards. Other applicants will receive a book stipend.

DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS May 1st, 2016.

Awards will be presented in June.

ELIBIBILITY: Applicant must:

1. Be a member in good standing of **St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church**,Worth, Illinois.
2. Be accepted by an accredited post secondary school.

APPLICATION:

1. Submit a current copy of a transcript from a high school, college, or other institute of higher learning (include previous year and 1st semester of this year).
2. Scan or attach a current picture.
3. **Your completed application must be hand delivered or mailed to the church office by the due date. (no exceptions)**
4. Please direct any questions regarding this application to Peggy George , Scholarship Chairman (708-499-2240) or peggygeorge@comcast.net

APPLICATION CHECKLIST: For your convenience check off items as you complete them.

_____ I have completed an official application form.

_____ I have included a current picture.

_____ I have attached a copy of my most recent transcript.

(previous year and 1st semester of this year required)

_____ I have included TYPED & DOUBLE SPACED answers to **two essay** questions. (75- 250 words)

_____ I have included one recommendation letter. (no parents or relatives)

PLEASE NOTE: APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED PAST DUE DATE.

APPLICATION FORM:

PART I:

NAME:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE , ZIP:

PHONE:

NAME OF SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING:

CURRENT YEAR IN SCHOOL:

DATE OF BIRTH:

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL YOU WILL ATTEND NEXT YEAR:

DO YOU PLAN TO ENROLL AS A FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME STUDENT?

PART II

WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL? (INCLUDE WHY YOU CHOSE THIS CAREER)

PART III

LIST ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (SCHOOL OR COMMUNITY)

PART IV

LIST WORK HISTORY

PART V:

1. How would you describe your yearly church attendance and your participation in Holy Communion (whether at St. Mark or while away at school).

2. What activities have you been involved with at St. Mark or a Campus Church, this past year?

PLEASE CHECK ALL ACTIVITIES YOU HAVE PARTICIPATED IN AT ST. MARK, OR AT THE CHURCH YOU BELONGED TO PRIOR TO JOINING St. MARK.

	1-2 YEARS	3-4 YEARS	5+YEARS
SUNDAY SCHOOL	_____	_____	_____
LYO	_____	_____	_____
YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICES	_____	_____	_____
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (STUDENT)	_____	_____	_____
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (TEACHER OR AIDE)	_____	_____	_____
CONFIRMATION CLASS	_____	_____	_____
WEEKEND RETREATS	_____	_____	_____
MISSION TRIPS	_____	_____	_____
CHURCH SERVICE (USHER, READER, GREETER)	_____	_____	_____
OTHER (SPECIFY)	_____	_____	_____

PART VI: LIST ALL AWARDS RECEIVED

PART VII: ESSAYS: Choose two of the topics given below, one from group A and one from group B. Answer as follows;

First state the question, then TYPE, DOUBLE SPACED your answer to it. Be sure to answer all the parts posed for each question. Always be specific and give examples. All answers must be between 75-250 words.

FOR HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS: Choose **one** question from **group A** and **one** from **Group B**.

GROUP A:

1. How has your involvement at St. Mark enriched your life?
2. How has your St. Mark education (worship services, Sunday school, VBS, Confirmation) enriched your life?
3. How have your St. Mark education and membership influenced the decisions you make when you face peer pressure?

Group B:

1. In what ways has God's Word been powerful in your life? How has it changed the way you think, feel, act, and talk?
2. In your own life and that of your family, what experiences have called for the most courage and faith? How did you respond at the time? If you had it to do over again, would your response be different? If so, how?

FOR POST HIGH SCHOOL APPLICANTS: Choose **one** question from **group A** and **one** from **group B**.

GROUP A:

1. How does your being a Christian influence your college experience? Give examples.
2. Have you made a difference in someone's life because of your faith? If so, how? What specific instances indicate this to you?
3. Do you feel that your faith has been tested more often in your away from home setting? Describe instances and tell how you have responded.

GROUP B:

1. During the last two years, who has had the greatest influence on you? To whom have you gone for advice? Who seems to "steer" you in the right direction, and "steer" you amiss? Give examples to illustrate your answers.
2. Have you ever fought with God over any issues that have puzzled you? What were these issues? What was the final outcome? How did you emerge from the conflict? Can you look back on that episode and see that it changed you in any way? Be specific.

PART VIII: Letter of Recommendation

One letter of recommendation by an adult (such as teacher, work supervisor, guidance counselor, sports coach, band director, etc.). No parents or relatives please.

Application Rubric: Applications will be considered using a point system based on the following criteria.

Application content and neatness, Church involvement, Essays, Transcripts, Part-time/full-time student, Letter of Recommendation, and overall impression.

