



La Crosse Area Synod Fund for Leaders Seminary Scholarship

Q. What is the La Crosse Area Synod Fund for Leaders Seminary Scholarship?

A. The La Crosse Area Synod has established a seminary scholarship fund within the ELCA Fund for Leaders. This scholarship fund provides tuition support to men and women from this synod who are attending an ELCA seminary and who are preparing for ordained or rostered lay ministry in the ELCA.

Q. What is the difference between the Fund for Leaders and the La Crosse Area Synod Fund for Leaders Seminary Scholarship?

A. Our synod's Fund for Leaders scholarship fund supports students from our synod. The Fund for Leaders, as a whole, supports seminary students from across this entire church. Each year the synod recommends students to receive support from the synod's Fund for Leaders scholarship. These synodical partnership scholarships are awarded year-to-year. The Fund for Leaders scholarships awarded at the churchwide level are awarded for a student's entire academic program.

Q. What is the purpose of the Fund for Leaders?

A. The Fund for Leaders is an initiative of this whole church to build up and support future seminary trained church leaders as they prepare for a life of ministry and service. The goal of the Fund for Leaders is to provide tuition support to all eligible students who are attending seminary and who plan to serve this church as ordained or rostered lay leaders.

Q. How much does a seminary scholarship cost?

A. The amount increases each year and varies across the ELCA's eight seminaries. Currently, for the 2007–2008 academic year, one year of full-time tuition averages around \$11,000.

Q. How many seminary students are supported by the Fund for Leaders?

A. In 2007–2008 academic year the Fund for Leaders provided tuition support to over 150 seminary students. This represents a financial commitment of almost \$800,000. The Fund for Leaders has supported 280 seminary students since 2000.

Q. Where does my gift go?

A. Gifts to the synodical scholarship fund go directly to that endowed scholarship. Gifts are invested and reinvested in perpetuity. The earnings from this investment are used to provide tuition support to seminary students.

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Increase your support to the Fund for Leaders. Three families have challenged this church to double the Fund for Leaders by 2010. For the next two years your outright gifts to your synod's Fund for Leaders seminary scholarship will be eligible to be matched 50 percent through the matching gift challenge Leadership Rising. Gifts up to \$50,000 will be matched through this matching gift challenge.

Your gift will help us realize this challenge while ensuring that those called to be pastors and leaders in this church can receive the seminary education necessary to faithfully serve for years to come.

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Q. What can I do?

Support those who will go forth and share the Good News of the Gospel with others.

Support the men and women from the La Crosse Area Synod who will witness in word and in deed to the love of Jesus Christ.

Your gift to the ELCA Fund for Leaders will help these future pastors and rostered lay leaders get the seminary education necessary to become effective pastors and leaders.

Mail your gift for the La Crosse Area Synod Fund for Leaders Seminary Scholarship to:

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