

**St. John's College Alumni Association, Inc.**  
*Winfield, Kansas*  
**Guidelines for Student Financial Assistance 2026-2027**

**For ALL Applicants:**

Please read the Guidelines prior to filling out the Application. If you have a question about any statement in the Guidelines or in the Application, contact the St. John's College Alumni Association office as soon as possible. You may contact the Association by using any of the following:

Mail: St. John's College Alumni Association  
PO Box 376  
Winfield, Ks 67156

Email: sjcaa1@cox.net  
Telephone: (620) 221-1572

Complete all sections of the Application. Write and print your name on page 3 of the Application. Return the application **by mail or email**. To qualify for consideration for an award for the 2026-27 academic year, your application by mail **must** be postmarked on or before **April 1, 2026**; your email must be received at the Association's office on or before **April 1, 2026**.

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The St. John's College Alumni Association provides financial aid from two sources of income:

1. Interest earned on the investment of the principal of endowment funds held in trust by the Alumni Association; and
2. Direct gifts provided annually to the Association for student financial assistance by St. John's Academy and College alumni and friends.

Award amounts may vary from year to year because the award pool from fund investment earnings and direct gifts, and the number of persons applying for financial assistance, may vary.

As stated in the Constitution and By-Laws of the St. John's College Alumni Association, Inc.:

**Priorities for awarding financial assistance to students who apply shall be as follows:**

- (1) Awards are limited to **full-time students** enrolled at the colleges, universities, and seminaries of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, with emphasis being placed on preparation for church work (pastors; early-childhood, elementary, special education, or high school teachers; directors of Christian education; lay ministers; parish assistants; deaconesses; directors of Christian outreach; directors of family life; directors of parish music; or Lutheran social workers);
- (2) Awards will also be considered for general students (liberal arts, business, nursing, etc.) who are attending colleges and universities of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod;
- (3) Eligibility will be limited to students who are **direct descendants** (including adopted and step descendants) of (a) alumni (graduates or former students) of St. John's Academy and College, Winfield, Kansas; and (b) former faculty and staff members of the Academy or College.
- (4) Applicants must be admitted to the college or seminary they plan to attend and enrolled as a full-time (12 semester hours or more) student.

That Financial Assistance Committee makes awards to both those preparing for initial entry into a career as well to those making second career changes. It does not, however, award assistance to students in post-graduate education beyond the baccalaureate degree **except** to those admitted into the Master of Divinity degree, pastoral colloquy, and SMP programs at the Synod's seminaries for certification for the LCMS pastoral ministry and the deaconess program for service as a Lutheran deaconess; and into the colloquy programs at the Synod's colleges and universities for certification as Lutheran teachers, directors of Christian education (DCE), deaconesses, and directors of parish music in LCMS elementary and high schools, congregations, and agencies. The Association also awards assistance for vicarages, internships, or professional semesters when the student's school of attendance rules him or her eligible to receive financial assistance from its aid programs for such required experiences. It does not, however, make awards for summer school attendance.

The Association requests that applicants provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SSN) in completing the Application. The Committee uses that information only for its own student identification and award process purposes. The Association does not require that applicants submit a financial need analysis report for the completion of an application file.

The Committee makes awards in late April for the following academic year and notifies applicants by letter or email regarding the amount of the annual award. The total amount of each award is paid by check in one installment in the fall semester or quarter. The check for the amount of each award is sent directly to the financial aid office of the school of attendance.

Awards granted for one academic year are **not automatically renewed** for a second or subsequent year. The Association invites students to reapply for financial assistance each year.

The St. John's College Alumni Association is grateful to the Lord of the Church that many alumni and friends of the Academy and the College have established endowments and given generously to support education through the Association. The Association gladly accepts the responsibility to be a faithful steward of the gifts entrusted to it.