

Central States Synodical Organization
Women of the ELCA
Lynn Starr Education Scholarship Application
2026 Award

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Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Home Church _____ City _____ State _____

College Attending (if known) _____

Signature of Applicant _____

Recommended by _____ Title _____

Guidelines:

1. Scholarships are awarded to female members of any ELCA congregation seeking a post high school education. There is a limit of one award recipient per congregation.
2. Priority is given to female members of Central States Synod congregations.
3. The award is a one-year non-renewable scholarship.
4. Scholarship monies are written to and sent directly to the educational institution the recipient is attending.
5. A written recommendation and signature from the applicant's pastor, mentor, unit president or unit representative must be included with this application. The recommendation cannot come from a current or previous board member (within last four years).
6. A well-written essay of approximately 500 words, describing applicant's participation in church, school, and community activities **must be included. This essay is the primary determining factor in the awarding of scholarships.**
7. Award recipients will be notified in late May, 2026, by the president of the Central States Synod Women of the ELCA.
8. Award recipients will be asked to forward a photo electronically that will be used in synodical organization publications.
9. Individual awards will not exceed \$1,000. Multiple awards may be given in a year.
10. It will be the recipient's responsibility to keep the CSS Board Treasurer, Vickie Donnell, informed of the college selection (with the address of the financial office included) at vickiedonnell@yahoo.com
11. Application must be postmarked by April 30, 2026.

Send application to:

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