THE DR. GEORGE AND EMMA J. TORRISON SCHOLARSHIP

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PROGRAM

The Dr. George and Emma J. Torrison Scholarship Fund provides grants for students who intend to pursue careers in medicine. The donors had a particular concern to encourage persons whose careers would lead them toward working to alleviate presently incurable diseases.

Grants are made on a one-time basis and are not renewable. The number and size of grants will vary from year-to-year. In the recent past, awards have ranged from $2,000 to $5,000.

ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must hold membership in a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).
- Candidates should be graduating seniors who have been accepted, or are anticipating acceptance, into a medical or osteopathic medical school and who will be first-year students in the fall of the calendar year of application.
- Candidates will be judged on personal history, academic promise, and stated career goals, not on need.

NOMINATIONS

Potential candidates for a Torrison Scholarship must be nominated in the following manner:

- Candidates from colleges and universities related to the ELCA will be nominated by the president of the institution or by the president’s designee.
- Candidates at public or non-ELCA private colleges and universities will be nominated by the ELCA campus pastor or minister.
- Candidates at colleges and universities where there is no Lutheran campus ministry will be nominated by the pastor of the ELCA congregation in which they hold membership.

The deadline for nominations is announced by ELCA in early spring each year. For full consideration, nominations must be date stamped or postmarked by the deadline date.

PROCEDURE

A nomination letter for each candidate is to be sent via email or snail mail by the deadline date to the attention of Melinda Valverde at melinda.valverde@elca.org or Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities, 8765 W. Higgins Rd, Chicago, IL 60631. The nominee should be a graduating senior who has been accepted, or is anticipating acceptance, and will be a first-year student in a medical or osteopathic medical school in the fall. If more than one student is nominated, nominators are asked to rank them.

Include full contact information, including email address, for the candidate in the nomination letter.

Nominees will receive an invitation to apply. Application materials must be received by the deadline date to receive full consideration.

AWARDS

Awards will be announced as soon as possible prior to September 1.

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