Peace Lutheran Church Youth Ministry Scholarship Application Information

A scholarship fund has been established with money accumulated by fundraising activities and efforts by the Youth Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church. The fund is administered by the Youth Board. You may copy this form as needed or contact the church office at 314-892-5610 or obtain online at www.peacelutheranstl.org under "youth".

We want every youth to have the opportunity to be a part of our regular ministry events at Peace Lutheran Church. Lack of funds should not become a determining factor for not participating. Every year we have limited scholarship funds available for certain events and retreats. Upon completion of the application and review by the adult members of the Youth Board, <u>scholarships will be awarded on the basis of need and current level of activity of the applicant within the Youth Ministry at Peace Lutheran Church.</u>

Who is eligible to receive a scholarship?

- Any youth who is a member of Peace Lutheran Church.
- Any youth who needs financial assistance to attend an event.
- Any youth who is eligible to participate in the event for which they are registering.
- Any youth, not an official member of Peace, that has been an "active" member of the youth group at Peace for at least 6 months as determined and reviewed by the DCE and youth board.

For what events may scholarships be requested?

The scholarships are designed for, but not necessarily limited to, the following activities:

- TEC: Teens Encounter Christ
- Junior High Weekend Retreat
- Senior High Weekend Retreat
- Faith Building "events" as determined by the DCE and youth board.
- National Youth Gatherings (Sr. & Jr. High)

The Youth Board reserves the right to revise or modify this list at any time. The Youth Board will have final determination as to what is considered an *acceptable* event for scholarship assistance.

What is the amount of the scholarship?

- TEC 100%
- In some cases, a certain amount of scholarship money will be designated for each event. That amount will be divided equally among those who apply and qualify for financial assistance.
- Amount of scholarship will depend on if there are fundraising opportunities for the activity.
- Amount of scholarship will depend on the cost of the event and the participants intended contribution.

How often will scholarships be awarded to one individual?

Scholarship aid may be granted to an individual no more than two times during a 12 month period. Depending on the monetary amount of the scholarships, the Youth Board will review for further consideration. I.E.: If you are unable to attend a TEC at \$50.00 like others have, but want assistance for other activities that only cost \$10-\$15.00 each, you may be approved for more than two activities.

Is there a deadline for scholarship application?

YES! Application for assistance *must be made before* registration for the event is submitted. The applicant will be notified of the amount of the scholarship and then will submit the registration form and balance of the registration fee to the Youth Board *before the registration deadline*.

What references are required?

Financial need will be endorsed by the Associate Pastor of Youth and Family Ministry, Director of Christian Education (DCE) and the Peace Youth Board. Parents or guardians must grant permission for participation as well as endorse the need for financial assistance. <u>All information will be kept confidential.</u>