

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church
Pacific Lutheran University Scholarship Programs
Approved by Congregational Council September, 2011

Amazing Grace Lutheran Church (AGLC) has been blessed to have members who have given funds for use as scholarship funds to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) colleges, universities, and seminaries. We have established a new giving account to fund a yearly scholarship fund for graduating AGLC seniors applying or AGLC students currently attending Pacific Lutheran University (PLU). Anyone is able to donate to this fund to help our students who wish to apply/attend PLU.

I. Details of the AGLC/Pacific Lutheran University Matching Scholarship (PLUMS) Program

A scholarship may be awarded in an amount of \$1,500/semester to any member of AGLC who plans to attend PLU and meets all requirements.

A. Amount of Award \$1500/yr

1. Up to \$1,000 per year for a maximum of four years from AGLC
2. 50% per year matched by PLU. Up to \$1000. PLUMS has limited funding and is awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.

B. Eligibility

1. An AGLC attending senior who plans to attend PLU as a full-time undergraduate student and has been offered admission or currently enrolled as a sophomore, junior, or senior at PLU.
2. There are no requirements for GPA, financial need, or undergraduate major.

C. Application Process and Deadline

1. Annual Application Required for AGLC and PLUMS
2. Applications are considered by completing a simple form indicating intention to attend PLU. Fill out the PLU Matching Scholarship Form (PLUMS) and send it to the office of financial aid at PLU. Applicant must also give a copy to the Youth Director for records.
<http://www.plu.edu/financial-aid/documents-forms/home.php>
3. Application deadline is March 1 for the following school year
4. Recipients will be informed of their selection and the amount awarded by letter during the first week of April.

D. Protocol for Selection

1. Recipient for PLU scholarship must be a baptized or confirmed member of AGLC and must have participated at AGLC for at least one year.

E. Selection Committee

1. The Senior Pastor of AGLC or Youth Director will determine if the recipient is eligible. They will coordinate with the congregation's council and monetary support givers.
2. The selection committee will notify the Financial Aid Department at PLU, in writing of the scholars they have selected by April 15th.
3. A suitable certificate will be presented to each recipient at a Sunday morning service in May of each year, such as Senior Recognition Sunday.
4. Notices of the scholarship winners will be publicized by whatever means possible.
5. Selection committee appointed by youth committee.

- F. Transfer students
 - 1. AGLC students who transfer from another college, university, or community college to PLU during their undergraduate years are eligible to apply for this scholarship for their remaining undergraduate years.
 - 2. Transfer students' scholarships will not exceed a total of three years.
- G. Matching Funds
 - 1. Students who receive scholarship support from this source may use these funds to receive support from the colleges matching scholarship programs to the extent that it is available to them.
 - 2. For the PLU matching scholarship fund, PLUMS, this amount will be matched up to \$1,000.

II. **Mechanics**

- A. The Senior Pastor or Youth Director will ensure that PLU will receive in writing of our selected scholars for each scholarship, by April 15th of each year.
- B. Any revisions to these policies will be approved by the Congregational Council after receiving recommendations from the Scholarship Selection Committee and the Youth Director or Senior Pastor.
- C. Church payments must be made directly to PLU and received by October 1 in order to be matched by PLU. Payments made directly to students are not considered for matching funds.

I. Details of the PLU Lutheran Partner Congregation Confirmation Scholarship

A scholarship may be awarded in an amount of \$1000 to any AGLC youth member upon the completion of their confirmation class at AGLC who plans to attend PLU.

A. Amount of Award

1. \$1000 from PLU/year

B. Eligibility

1. Applicants must be a member of AGLC who has completed confirmation at AGLC.
2. There are no requirements for GPA, financial need, or undergraduate major.

C. Application Process and Deadline

1. Applicants must fill out the PLU Lutheran Partner Confirmation Scholarship Form after being confirmed at AGLC and send it to the office of admission at PLU, and give a copy to AGLC Youth Director for records. Following confirmation in 9th grade at AGLC, the Youth Director or Pastor will distribute the Confirmation Scholarship Forms, or you may find them online at <http://www.plu.edu/congregations/documents-forms/forms/Confirmation%20Scholarship%20Form.pdf>
2. Application deadline is January 30 for graduating seniors

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- A. The scholarship is redeemable upon admission and enrollment to Pacific Lutheran University.
- B. It is renewable for up to four years of undergraduate study.
- C. Amazing Grace Lutheran Church must continue to be in good financial standing with PLU and continue to be a partner congregation. Good financial standing means contributing an annual gift of \$500 to the PLU Q Club (Gifts in support of Quality Education Club).