**The Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Scholarship
for College Students**

**EMAIL THIS APPLICATION TO:**

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**Christiana Lutheran Church**

**Attention: Scholarship Committee**

**Telephone - 704-279-4655**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 28, 2025**

All scholarship applications must be completed and returned to the church office by **12 noon on Friday, March 28, 2025**. Any applications received after that date will not be considered. **Church members applying for scholarships must have an official transcript from the school sent to the church office. No others will be accepted. For those applying, and meeting scholarship requirements, check(s) will be made payable to the educational institution and the recipient awarded the scholarship only. This way we ensure the funds are going to support the student in their academic endeavors and not for miscellaneous or erroneous expenses.**

First Name: Click here to enter text.

Middle Name: Click here to enter text.

Last Name: Click here to enter text.

Address: Click here to enter text.

Date of Birth: Click here to enter text.

Home Phone: Click here to enter text.

Cell Phone: Click here to enter text.

Email address: Click here to enter text.

Institution where you are currently enrolled: Click here to enter text.

Grade Point Average (GPA) for 2 most recent semesters: Click here to enter text.

Major/Area of Study: Click here to enter text.

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**For College Students**

The Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Scholarship were first given to Christiana's high school seniors in May of 1998. Mr. Ritchie established the scholarship in loving memory of his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie loved their church family and especially wanted to help students continue their education beyond high school. Upon Mr. Ritchie's death, the scholarship he had established at Christiana became part of the Hubert and Blanche A. Ritchie Foundation. This Foundation is dedicated to carry on the wishes of Hubert and Blanche Ritchie as it works with the Benevolent Foundation of Christiana.

Because of the generosity of the Ritchie Foundation, in addition to the Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Scholarship for High School Seniors, a scholarship for college students has been established at Christiana Lutheran Church: The Blanche and Hubert A. Ritchie Scholarship for College Students. The following requirements must be met in order to apply for this scholarship:

1. For College Freshman, Minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for most recent semester or quarter of at least 12 credit hours completed.

2. For College Sophomores and above, Minimum GPA of 2.5 (on a scale of 4.0) for the 2 most recent semesters or quarters of at least 12 credit hours completed. (This is not average GPA. The student must have a 2.5 for both semesters.)

3. Only full time students pursuing a bachelor’s or associate degrees are eligible. Master’s and PhD. students are not eligible.

4. Only students pursuing their first bachelor’s or associate degree are eligible. Students that already possess a bachelor’s degree(s) are not eligible. Students that already possess an associate degree are eligible only if they are now pursuing a bachelor’s degree.

5. Must be a Christiana Lutheran Church member that participates and attends

 Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allow.

6. Must have been an active church member of Christiana as defined in the church constitution for 24 months from the date you joined the church, prior to the application deadline.

7. Any student may not receive the award more than 4 times. This award can be received 2 times for an associate degree, up to 4 times for a bachelor’s degree or up to 4 times total for a junior college transfer to a college or university to complete a bachelor’s degree program.

8. Awards are dependent on availability of funds and the number of qualifying applicants.

9. If any confusion arises related to the application or application process, the Christiana Benevolence Committee Chairperson has sole discretion to make decisions about the award. If applicable, the chairperson then has the responsibility to update the application to eliminate confusion for future years.

Please submit the following:

1. An official transcript. Must be emailed from your school and received at the church office (email address listed above).

2. The application expresses that the applicant must be a Christiana Lutheran Church member that participates and attends Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allows. As a member of Christiana Lutheran Church, please discribe what this means to you.

**Essay:**

**Based on item five in this application, an applicant must be a member that participates and attends Christiana Lutheran Church as school schedules allow. Please describe what this means to you?**

Click here to enter text.