

Epiphany Greetings to you in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord! This is to let you know that the information related to Grant-In-Aid Information for the 2011-2012 school year has been posted on the Southern District website. All of our information is posted at the Southern District website: www.southernlcms.org and click on the **Ministries** Tab and scroll down to click on **Recruitment and Scholarship**.

Grant-in-aid through the Southern District is available to persons who are members in good standing of a Southern District congregation. The following are church work careers that are funded through Recruitment and Scholarship:

- * Pastor
- * Teacher
- * Director of Christian Education (DCE)
- * Director of Christian Outreach (DCO)
- * Director of Parish Music
- * Director of Family Life
- * Deaconess
- * Lay Minister

To explore the various church work opportunities, click on the following links:

University Education:

<http://www.lcms.org/pages/default.asp?NavID=886>

Pastoral Education:

<http://www.lcms.org/pages/default.asp?NavID=11580>

As pastors, principals/directors, DCE's, , etc. you have the opportunity to connect and to encourage persons to give prayerful consideration to a church work career. The District Financial Aid Application must be filed on an annual basis before May 15. The forms for 2011-2012 are posted at the District website.

It is important to note that pastors are asked to sign the applicant's financial aid form. Your signature is your recommendation that the person is perceived as qualified for ministry as a church worker. Take time to visit with the applicant to make sure that the intent is to serve in a church work profession. Is the student clear on the preferred LCMS church work profession?

Also, your congregation and/or school is encouraged to provide financial support for the Southern District Church Worker Student Endowment Fund. It is gifts to this Fund that continues to draw earnings which allows us to provide financial aid support to students preparing for full-time church work.

The following is a listing of the grant-in-aid support provided to qualifying applicants:

Level	2010-2011	Seminary	2010-2011
Freshman	\$1,800	Year 1	\$2,600
Sophomore	\$1,900	Year 2	\$3,000
Junior	\$2,200	Vicarage	\$1,500
Senior	\$2,400	Year 4	\$3,500

Thanks for being a partner and sharing the story about a church work career!

In His Service,

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"...to Him who is able to do *immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine*, according to *His power that is at work within us*, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations..." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

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