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Appendices/Financial Aid for Seminarians

The Congregational council of St. James Lutheran Church hereby adopts a policy of financial support for members of the congregation who are pursuing fulltime studies as candidates for rostered positions in the ELCA. Preference will be given to those studying to become pastors in the ELCA. The following guidelines will govern this policy:

1. Aid shall be restricted to grants with the suggestion to recipients that repayment to the church for such is welcomed.
2. Aid shall be granted only to those attending certified ELCA seminaries and restricted to direct fees incurred in so doing.
3. A line item shall be established in the amount of \$3000 in the 2004 budget. First awards, if any, shall be made in the fall of that year with no more than \$1000 awarded to any one student each year.
4. Those receiving aid shall have been active members of St. James for three years prior to applying for aid.
5. While no detailed needs analysis test shall be applied, applicants shall be asked to submit a letter to a professional staff member indicating financial needs and available means to meet them.
6. All requests shall be funneled through the Finance/Stewardship Committee for approval or rejection pursuant to a process developed by the Finance/Stewardship Committee.
7. Should funds remain in the scholarship account, they may be carried over from year to year at the discretion of the Finance/Stewardship Committee.

Adopted by Council on November 11, 2003