

ELCA Northern Illinois Synod WELCA Scholarship

Scholarship Purpose: to provide \$2,000 to help cover costs of one young woman from NIS so she can represent NIS women, youth and young adults at the ARCOT LUTHERAN youth gathering in INDIA.

Travel Details: Depart January 17, 2010 and return January 30, 2010. Please make arrangements with your teachers/professors/work supervisors, etc. to clear these dates BEFORE you submit this application. If you do not have a passport, APPLY NOW! Please write your name on this application EXACTLY as it appears on your passport OR passport application.

You will need to travel with a CERTIFIED copy of your birth certificate as well as your passport. Please make sure you have this document available and if not, apply for it now.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE: October 1, 2009.

Submitting the application: Please provide the requested information below and answer each of the questions. Send application via e-mail to dianedardon@gmail.com AND amywelca@yahoo.com.

Before you complete this application, please know that if you are chosen to represent the NIS on this grand adventure, your commitment must be firm. Your commitment not only includes taking time from your busy schedule in January, but it also includes returning with a heart filled with stories and a soul prepared to share what you learned, accomplished and what was accomplished IN you...blessings as you pray and discern your commitment to this missionary adventure...may the following words from Romans help guide you...

Romans 8:27-28

*And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
We know that all things work together for good for those who love God,
who are called according to his purpose.*

Scholarship Application

Please provide the following personal information:

1. First name, Middle name or initial, Last name (write these names EXACTLY as they appear on your passport or passport application)
2. Street address, City, State, Zip
3. Home phone number, cell phone number
4. E-mail address
5. Birth date
6. Social Security Number (to be used only in the case of a medical emergency)
7. Year in school or year graduated from school
8. Name and address of school
9. Passport number (or date when you applied for passport)
10. Name and address of congregation and Pastor's name
11. Parent's name(s), address(es), home phone number(s), cell phone number(s), work phone number(s)
12. Emergency contact person, address, phone numbers and relationship to you (this should be someone other than your parents)
13. Health insurance carrier, policy number, group number, contact phone number and address
14. List any health issues you have. Please be specific.
15. List any medications you are currently taking, both prescribed and across the counter.
16. List any physical limitations you have.
17. List any food preferences you have.
18. Describe any issues that might cause physical limitations for you on this trip.
19. Describe any issues that might cause emotional or spiritual limitations for you on this trip.

Please answer each of the following questions. Make your answers concise and complete and please do not exceed two paragraphs per answer.

1. Why do you want to go on this trip?
2. How will you prepare your heart, soul and mind for this trip?
3. What fears or concerns do you have about this trip?
4. How will you raise money (*if* necessary) to help pay for the trip?
5. What time commitments can you make in sharing your experiences upon your return?
6. As a liaison to the ARCOT youth gathering who is being sent by the Women of NIS, what specific words of greeting will you bring to leaders in India on behalf of the women and youth/young adults of NIS?
7. As a liaison to the ARCOT youth gathering who is being sent by the Women of NIS, how will you specifically share your experiences with the Women of NIS before and after the trip?

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