

Vasthi O Christensen Memorial Scholarship
 administered by
 Underwood Lutheran Church, 10 Third Avenue, Underwood, IA 51576

APPLICATION
 (Due in the church office by April 1)

Name (Last, First, Middle – printed)									
Permanent Address and Phone	Temporary Address and Phone (include effective dates)								
<p>I understand To be eligible for this scholarship, I must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hold a high school diploma. • Be confirmed in the Lutheran faith and a member of Underwood Lutheran Church for the past two years. • Submit a current certified high school and, if indicated, college transcript. <p>This scholarship may be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only at a post-high school institution of learning supported by taxes, church denomination or endowment fund. • In preparation for entering any profession. • At any level of post-high school training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any decision of the Scholarship Committee or Council of the Underwood Lutheran Church is final and cannot be contested. • This scholarship has an expected value of \$500. • I am permitted to accept other scholarships offered me. 									
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Supporting Documentation (Attach additional pages as necessary.)									
Confirmed at (church, address, year):									
High School Diploma from (institution, address, phone, year):	Post-High School Credits from (list all institutions, addresses, phones and dates):								
GPA (attach official transcript):									
Church Activities:									
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Work Experience:									
I verify all of the above information is correct.									
Signature:	Date:								

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Administrative Guidelines

Title: The scholarship will be known as the Vasthi O Christensen Memorial Scholarship.

Purpose: The purpose of the scholarship is to give financial aid and recognition to members of Underwood Lutheran Church who have shown significant academic and other constructive accomplishment and wish to pursue a college education.

Administration: The scholarship will function mainly through a committee. The first committee members will be named by the Christensen family and will serve at will. Vacancies on the committee will be filled by persons selected by the Underwood Lutheran Church Council.

Benefits and Funds: The scholarship will derive its funding from the Christensen family and donations memorializing Vasthi O Christensen. The scholarship is designed to continue in perpetuity by benefit of earnings of supporting funds held by Thrivent (or other investment organization determined by the Church Council) and owned by Underwood Lutheran Church. The scholarship will have an anticipated annual income of at least \$500. If necessary, any decisions as to the final disposition of supporting funds will be made by the Underwood Lutheran Church Council on behalf of Underwood Lutheran Church, owner of the fund.

Application Forms: Applications will be available through the Underwood Lutheran Church office.

Deadlines: Application must be submitted by April 1 for award in May to be applied the following school year.

Eligibility: The scholarship will require that the recipient

- X Has earned a diploma from a public, parochial or not-for-profit high school.
- X Has completed confirmation training in the Lutheran faith.
- X Has been a member of Underwood Lutheran Church for the past two years.

Interviews: Although not a requirement for application, an interview may be requested.

Award: The scholarship will be announced in May in memory of Vasthi's Confirmation and Graduation Days and presented by the President of Underwood Lutheran Church or a designee of the church council on behalf of the committee.

Disbursement: The scholarship monies will be paid to the recipient on presentation to the church council of certification of attendance or certified transcription from the Fall semester.

Utilization: The scholarship may be used for education in any profession chosen by the recipient in attending any post-high school educational entity which is supported by public taxes, a church denomination or by private endowment.

Expenses: At the discretion of the committee and church council, costs connected with the awarding of this scholarship may be paid from scholarship funds.

Rules: Except as hereinbefore limited, the committee, by approval of the church council, will make all other rules and arrangements deemed advisable for providing maximum and fair student benefit from this scholarship.

Authority: Decisions made by the committee with respect to applicants and awards will be final and not subject to any review other than the committee's own. All decisions will be presented to the church council. Upon acceptance of this scholarship as proposed, the Christensen family relinquishes all rights to the supporting funds.

Reapplication: Applicants or recipients may reapply in subsequent years by updating their previous application.

Spirit of the Scholarship

Vashti O Magnusson Christensen was born in Flaxton, North Dakota, March 1, 1917, the eighth child of Rev JVG Magnusson and his wife, Vilhelmina,

She graduated from Audubon (Iowa) High School, attended Dana College, and graduated from Immanuel Hospital School of Nursing, Omaha, Nebraska, in 1939.

She married Herluf W Christensen, a public school educator, December 27, 1941, and together they had three children. Her love of medicine, education and the Lutheran faith is her heritage to her children and heirs - all of whom are involved in medicine, education or service to the church.

Her professional career encompassed general nursing, critical care nursing, and nursing education. She was a professor emeritus of Iowa Western Community College.

For over 40 years Vashti was an active member of Underwood Lutheran Church. Her service to God through Underwood Lutheran Church encompassed playing the organ and piano for church services and singing in the church choir.

It is in honor of her dedication to education and the Lutheran faith that this scholarship is memorialized.

Purpose

To give financial aid and recognition to members of Underwood Lutheran Church who have shown significant academic and other constructive accomplishment and wish to pursue a college education.

Administration

The scholarship is awarded by a committee made up initially of a Christensen family member and selected members of Underwood Lutheran Church who serve at will with vacancies appointed by the church council.

Benefit

The scholarship derives its earnings from the Christensen family and donations in memory of Vashti. Invested funds will have an anticipated annual income of \$500.

Eligibility

The applicant must have earned a diploma from a public, parochial or not-for-profit high school, completed confirmation training in the Lutheran faith, and been a member of Underwood Lutheran Church for two years. Previous applicants and/or recipients may apply in subsequent years by updating their previous application. An interview may be requested.

Utilization

The scholarship may be used for education in any profession chosen by the recipient in attending any post-high school educational entity which is supported by public taxes, a church denomination or by private endowment.

Application

Application forms may be obtained at any time from the Underwood Lutheran Church office. A certified copy of the most recent high school or college transcript must be submitted with the application by April 1 for use the school year commencing Fall of the same year.

Award

The scholarship will be announced in May in memory of Vashti's confirmation and graduation days. The President of Underwood Lutheran Church or a designee of the church council will present the award on behalf of the scholarship committee.

Disbursement

Scholarship monies will be paid to the recipient on presentation to the church council of certification of attendance or certified transcript from the fall semester.

Resource

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