

Pastor Fred M. Miller Scholarship Fund

St. Peter's Lutheran School

Established 7/16/09

Short History of Pastor Fred M. Miller

Pastor Miller was born on July 16, 1911 in Minneapolis and was baptized Frederick Max Miller at Trinity First Lutheran Church on August 13, 1911.

He completed his seminary studies in June of 1934, and served as pastor in two churches in Minnesota until entering into the military chaplaincy in 1941. He served in the European Campaign, including the Battle of the Bulge and had other assignments until August 1964. He then received and accepted a call as pastor of Trinity First Lutheran Church in November of 1964 and served there until he retired in August of 1976.

Pastor Miller carried out 27 years of retirement ministry at St. Peter's Lutheran Church where he visited the homebound, cared for widows and widowers, served as prayer warrior and always had a lollipop for children in exchange for a hug. Pastor Miller continues to lead Bible classes at Augustana Home in Minneapolis where he is a resident. He also is a participant and supporter of Trinity First Lutheran Church and School and missions.

All glory to God for this remarkable never-tiring servant of the Good Shepherd. This fund was named after Pastor Fred by the founders because of his love for children and their love for him.

Purpose of the scholarship

To provide an opportunity for children to receive a Christian education at St Peter's Lutheran School, kindergarten thru Eighth grade located in Edina, Minnesota. www.stpetersedina.org

Selection of Grantees

The selection of grantees will be awarded to a minimum of two (2) children that meet the *Criteria for Selection* listed below. If in the event there are no applicants for nomination then the funds donated into the Pastor Fred M. Miller Scholarship Fund will be preserved in the perpetual endowment fund of St Peter's Lutheran School, and will be used only for the purposes of Christian education scholarships as specified herein. See *Timeline* below.

Criteria for Selection

The criteria for this scholarship fund shall consist of one or more the following:

- prospective student from a low income family or a family facing an substantiated financial hardship. (*Families considered to be low-income have an income that is below 200 percent of the federal HHS poverty guideline adjusted for family size. For 2009 the federal poverty guideline for a family of four is \$22,050 annually. The low-income guideline would be less than \$44,100.*)
- an ethnic minority student
- a disabled or handicapped student that meet the school's current capabilities determined by the school.

The prospective student must have passing grades prior to acceptance to St. Peter's Lutheran School and maintain passing grades and satisfactory school attendance while receiving the scholarship.

Preference will be given to a student that currently resides in the City of Minneapolis.

The prospective student will reapply annually to make sure he/she still meets the requirements as stated in *Renewal of Grant*.

If the applicant is a recipient of public assistance benefits, it is recommended that the applicant contact the agency first to determine if there would be any impact to their assistance based on the scholarship.

Grant Selection Committee

The selection committee will consist of the School principal and three people the principal invites from the following: church pastor, a teacher, a School Board member, or a lay person from the congregation. The persons on the Selection Committee shall reclude themselves in this selection process if they are related or are personal friends of an applicant's family at which time a new person will be added from the names listed above. The principal shall provide the applications without names.

Application Process

Applicants may self refer or be referred by teachers, school administrators, or pastors at St. Peters Lutheran Church & School. The applicant must complete an Application Form indicating their interest in the scholarship as prescribed by the Grant Selection Committee.

Timeline

May 15 - Deadline for application submission (available in the office or at www.stpetersedina.org). Applicants must also submit a CFA (*Confidential Financial Analysis*) application available in the office or on the website. (The CFA will be used for consideration of other available school financial aid should a grant not be awarded to the student).

June 1 - The selection committee will award the grants and notify the recipient(s).

Should no applications be submitted or grants awarded by the above dates, the Selection Committee will be convened when necessary. A prioritized waiting list will be maintained in the occasion that a recipient moves or forfeits their grant. Additional grants will be provided at the most reasonable time by the Selection Committee.

Renewal of Grant

The scholarship to the grantee may be renewed annually provided the family reapplies, still meets the *Criteria for Selection*, and the student maintains passing grades. The grantee is also expected to be an active participant in the faith life of St. Peter's Lutheran Church or their own Christian congregation. If the student moves or does not meet the Renewal of Grant guidelines, then the grant will be awarded to the next applicant that meets the *Selection Criteria* stated above.

Supervision of Scholarship Grant

The school principal shall supervise the scholarship grant program and yearly procedures and shall assign a person to keep records of the program for an annual review by the donors.

Scholarship Donors

This Scholarship Fund was started by a seed gift of \$5000 for the 2009-2010 school year with a 10 year commitment for \$5000 annual gifts. The desire of the original donor was that these funds be used for a minimum of two students to attend St Peter's School. The donors will receive updates at the end of each term, reporting academic progress on the grantees and be provided a yearly financial update on the church, school, and this scholarship fund. Donors will remain anonymous until the student's graduation.

Additional Gifts

Designated gifts from additional donors will be added to the principal of The Pastor Fred M. Miller Scholarship Fund thereby making scholarship grants available for more students each year. These gifts may be made through a planned gift or otherwise for the purpose described herein.

Pastor Fred M. Miller Scholarship Fund Application

St. Peter's Lutheran School, Edina, MN

Purpose: to provide an opportunity for children, Kindergarten – 8th Grade, to receive a Christian education at St Peter's Lutheran School. **Please refer to the Fund description for additional information and selection criteria.** The due date for an application to be considered is **May 15**. Late applications will be considered if grant funds remain. Bring or mail the completed grant application to **St. Peter's Lutheran School, 5421 France Ave S. Edina, MN 55410** schoolinfo@stpetersedina.org Along with this application a **CFA Tuition Assistance Packet must be completed** (available in the office or online at www.stpetersedina.org)

Child's name

Grade for 2009-2010

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Parent / Guardian name(s)

Preferred phone

_____	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> day <input type="checkbox"/> evening
_____	_____ <input type="checkbox"/> day <input type="checkbox"/> evening

Home address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Please briefly answer the following:

1. Reason for applying for this Scholarship:

2. Why is a Christian education important for the student/family:

3. Share information about your faith, or your interest in learning about a loving God, and how it fits in with your family life:

4. Why do you feel your child will benefit from an education at St. Peter's:

5. Additional information you would like the Selection Committee to consider:

How did you learn about St. Peter's and this grant? _____

Is student from a minority family? Yes No

Is student disabled / handicapped? Yes No if so, nature: _____

Church family attends (if any): _____

Pastor Name & contact info: _____

Please attach non-related personal references with contact information.

School enrollment application submitted? Yes No

CFA (*Confidential Financial Analysis*) form completed? Yes No

We would love the opportunity to partner with you in the education of your child. We believe you will quickly discover the value of a Christian education and to make that possible, tuition assistance is available. If you are not granted this Scholarship, would you like your CFA to be considered for other assistance? Yes No

Parent/Guardian signature(s)

Print Name

Date

St. Peter's Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, or national origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national origin in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial aid, or other school administrated programs. Information obtained on this form is strictly used for purposes of granting the Pastor Fred M. Miller Scholarship Fund.