**Judge E. W. Hertz Scholarship**

In 2014, the family of Judge Ernest W. Hertz established a scholarship at Grace Lutheran Church. Post-high school education was both important and held in high regard by Judge Hertz. The Judge E. W. Hertz Scholarship is awarded to a high school senior who is an active member of Grace Lutheran Church and its ministries and meets the scholarship criteria. The scholarship recognizes and encourages a student’s faith in Jesus Christ, academic achievement, leadership skills, and pursuit of wisdom. One scholarship of $500 will be awarded each year.

Candidates have until **April 1st** to complete the application and return it to the church office. A **scholarship committee** will be organized at the congregation’s annual meeting each year. The committee may be comprised of the pastor, one or more members of church council, and one or more lay members of the congregation. The scholarship committee will evaluate the application and may, at the committee’s discretion, interview candidates. The decisions of the scholarship committee are final.

*Judge Ernest W. Hertz (1922-2013) called Grace Lutheran his lifelong spiritual home, just as Menno was his beloved physical home. The combination of a basketball scholarship and odd jobs enabled Ernie, one of 10 children, to attend Yankton College until the attack on Pearl Harbor; he subsequently enlisted in the Coast Guard for the duration of the war and took part in D-Day rescue operations.*

*After the war, aided by the G.I. Bill, he completed a law degree at the University of South Dakota, then practiced law and eventually became a judge, always recognizing the opportunities that sprang from a good education. Ernie served Grace in various capacities, including deacon, Sunday School superintendent, and lay preacher. Unfailingly crediting his mother for instilling him with an abiding faith, Ernie went through life grounded by his faith, love for his family, service to others, and a drive to do his best.*

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**To be eligible:**

Student must have been a member of Grace Lutheran Church for at least one year. Student must actively attend youth group meetings/events and church services during the senior year.

**Criteria:**

50% participation as a member of Grace Lutheran Church

50% academics and student involvement

**Scoring:**

20 pts. Participation in Luther League Youth Group—must have attended at least 10 sessions during the senior year for consideration

1-20 pts. Other service/participation in the church—ushering, attending SERVE, participating in TUG, assisting with worship, serving at Yankton Area Banquet, etc.

1-10 pts. Leadership in the church—serving on a committee and attending those committee meetings; attending Congregational Annual Meeting

**Academics:**

GPA (15 pts. Possible)

3.0 – 3.49: 5 pts.

3.5 – 3.99: 10 pts.

4.0: 15 pts.

**ACT Score:**

20 – 24: 5 pts.

25 – 28 : 10 pts.

29 – 31: 15 pts.

32 – 36: 20 pts.

**Other Activities and Service (1 – 15 pts.):**

Community volunteer service, choir, band, drama, athletics, FFA, FCCLA, student government, etc.

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Application due by **April 1st**. Applications will be considered by the Grace Lutheran Church scholarship committee. Candidates for the scholarship may be interviewed at the scholarship committee’s discretion.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

School you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Major field of study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scholastic scores GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ ACT/SAT: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular activities:

Service to the church:

In 100 words or less, explain how this scholarship will aid you in your academic goals and how it will aid you in staying connected with a faith community.