

Dear Parents,

This part of the packet contains important information pertaining to the Merit-Based Scholarships that are available for your student(s). These scholarships are competitive and are not based on financial need. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of individuals from both within the school and many individuals outside of the Oak Grove community, and recipients are selected through an objective process. Please encourage your student(s) to apply for these merit-based scholarships.

In regard to merit-based scholarships, students frequently ask the following questions:

Who may apply?

Current students in grades 5-11 who are accepted for fall 2017 admissions. Those applying for merit-based scholarships must meet certain criteria. (See enclosed scholarship sheet)

How do I apply?

Those seeking merit-based scholarships must complete and submit the required application materials, which are enclosed.

What is the application deadline?

The deadline is April 19, 2017. All applications must be dropped off or postmarked by the deadline date. A return envelope is enclosed for your convenience. **Note, some scholarship applications require letters of recommendation.*

When will I know if I've received an award?

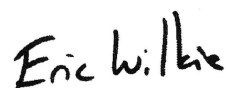
Merit-based scholarships are awarded during *Oak Grove's Academic Convocation* in May. Parents will be notified in advance if their student has received an award.

We hope this packet will be of help to your family. Please contact Kim Forness by phone at (701) 373-7114 or Eric Wilkie at (701) 373-7149 with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Kimberly Forness
Admissions Director
Oak Grove Lutheran School
kim.forness@oakgrovelutheran.com



Eric Wilkie
Chief Advancement Officer
Oak Grove Lutheran School
eric.wilkie@oakgrovelutheran.com



MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS



APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 19, 2017

Academic and competitive scholarships are based on merit, not on financial need. Current Oak Grove students, along with those accepted for fall admission, who meet scholarship criteria are encouraged to apply. Separate review panels will select award recipients. Scholarships will be awarded at Oak Grove’s *Academic Honors Convocation* the end of May.

To apply for the following scholarships, note these instructions:

- < Complete and return the enclosed Application
- < Complete and return the enclosed Cover Sheet
- < Essays must be written on separate sheet(s) of paper
- < Do **NOT** include your name on the essay.
 - (Be sure to paperclip essay, Application, & Cover Sheet together)
- < Respond to all of the individual questions pertaining to each of the scholarships you are applying for.
- < Essay title must include the scholarship name.

2017-2018 MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDE:

The Gustav & Margaret Hektner Family Academic Excellence Scholarship

Scholarships are awarded to students who have maintained a GPA of **3.50** or above for the current school year and who actively participate in their communities. Students entering grades **6-12** who meet the criteria may apply. Application process includes a written essay. (One \$350 scholarship awarded per grade level.)

Application Requirements: The mission of Oak Grove is “to express God’s love by nurturing students for academic achievement, lifelong Christian commitment and loving service throughout the world.” In 350 words or less, write an essay in answer to: What are your feelings on the topic of student responsibility to the mission of Oak Grove Lutheran School?

~~~~~

#### **The Lynn Benson Hjelmeland “School for Excellence” Scholarship**

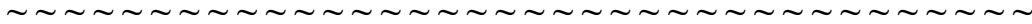
Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman or sophomore. Recipients must be active in church youth group, Sunday School, choir, music ministry or teaching. The successful candidate must plan to contribute to the Oak Grove community through participation in extracurricular activities. Scholarship criteria includes a minimum GPA of 3.25 or above and a written essay. (One \$800 scholarship.)

Application Requirements: Write an essay of 350 words or less in response to: How do you plan to contribute to the Oak Grove community as a Christian and as a student?

☐ **The Legreid Family Scholarship**

Scholarships are awarded to current Oak Grove students entering grades 8-12. Eligibility is limited to those who maintain a GPA of 3.50 or above and who actively participate in extracurricular activities. A short essay on extracurricular involvement is required. (Four \$500 scholarships.)

Application Requirements: Submit an essay of 350 words or less stating how you have benefitted from your involvement in extracurricular activities, and why you feel extracurricular activities are important to Oak Grove’s school community.



☐ **Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - Lutheran Leadership Scholarship**

Scholarships awarded to students entering grades 9-12. Eligibility is based on the following criteria: Lutheran church membership; Demonstrated leadership; Cumulative GPA of 3.50 or above; Active participation in church, school and community activities. A short essay stating the applicant’s goals and aspirations for the future is required. (Two \$500 scholarships.)

Application Requirements: Write an essay of 350 words or less stating what goals you have set for yourself in relation to being a student at Oak Grove? In addition, please list your long-term goals . . . What do you desire to do with your life?



☐ **The Arvid Berg Music Enrichment Scholarship**

Scholarship provides private vocal or instrumental instruction for one year. Applicants must be current Oak Grove students in grades 9-11 who have had a minimum of one year private music instruction at Oak Grove and who demonstrate a strong desire to enrich their lives through music. Application includes a written essay. (Two \$450 scholarships.)

Application Requirements: In your own words, please explain what you hope to gain from the total music experience at Oak Grove Lutheran School. How will the continuation of private music instruction assist you in your efforts? How will you apply what you learn to your future endeavors? Include accomplishments, goals, obstacles, challenges, strengths and weaknesses, if applicable. (350 words or less)



☐ **The Jens and Jeanne Tennesos Student Citizenship Scholarship**

Current and incoming Oak Grove students entering grades 9-12 who have demonstrated exemplary citizenship, such as serving as a class officer or student council representative, are invited to apply for this award. This award recognizes student involvement both within and outside the Oak Grove community. (Ten \$800 scholarships)

Application Requirements: Applicants must submit a 300 word essay describing their role in student leadership in their school, church, and/or community. Essays will be evaluated on understanding citizenship through examples drawn from personal involvement. The application must include a letter of reference from a pastor or adult leader who is not serving on the staff at Oak Grove.



# Oak Grove Lutheran School



ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

APPLICANT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

## Merit-Based Scholarship Application Form

**Current School:**  Oak Grove Lutheran School  \_\_\_\_\_

**Current GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cumulative GPA:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Level:** (Fall 2017) \_\_\_\_\_

**Check box(es) to indicate scholarship(s) you are applying for:**

- The Gustav & Margaret Hektner Family Academic Excellence Scholarship
- The Lynn Benson Hjelmeland "School for Excellence" Scholarship
- The Legreid Family Scholarship
- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans - Lutheran Leadership Scholarship
- The Arvid Berg Music Enrichment Scholarship
- The Jens & Jeanne Tennefos Student Citizenship Award

### School Involvements / Extracurricular:

- |                                                       |            |                                                   |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle School Choir          | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Softball                 | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Honor Choir                  | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics               | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chapel Choir                 | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling                | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Concert Choir                | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Chess Club               | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Madrigals                    | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater Arts             | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolers                     | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Impact                   | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Private Vocal / Instrumental | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> National Honor Society   | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speech                       | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Yearbook                 | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Band                         | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Justice League           | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Orchestra                    | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Leo Club                 | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball                   | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mission Trip             | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball                   | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> M.S. Student Council     | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Football                     | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> H.S. Student Council     | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Track/Field                  | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> PAY                      | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Golf                         | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Close Up                 | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer                       | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Tutor/Mentor Program     | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey                       | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scouts / Girl Scouts | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming                     | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Club                 | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball                     | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                    | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis                       | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                    | Yrs. _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country                | Yrs. _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> _____                    | Yrs. _____ |



# Oak Grove Lutheran School

## Merit-Based Scholarship Cover Sheet

ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY - DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

APPLICANT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE RECEIVED: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### HONOR STATEMENT

The information I have submitted on the Merit-Based Scholarship Application Form is accurate and the content of the student essay(s) is my own.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

< Content of my essays may be used in Oak Grove publications.

**Oak Grove Lutheran School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, program and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies scholarship and loan programs, athletic and other school-administered programs.**

Applications will be reviewed by a panel of individuals from both within the school and many individuals outside of the Oak Grove community. Names will not be submitted with completed applications. An applicant number will be assigned to each merit-based scholarship application form.

**THIS COVER SHEET MUST ACCOMPANY YOUR  
MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM.**  
(Please do not staple cover sheet to form.)