

Speech

Scholarship Application

Due January 31

Speech scholarships are offered to selected students who wish to participate actively on the Bethany Lutheran College Speech Team. To be eligible, students must have shown promising ability in critical thinking and speech communication, and must desire to develop those abilities further in preparation for a career which highly values thinking and speaking skills, such as the pastoral ministry, teaching, social work, law, public service, business, broadcasting, and many others.

Application Procedure

- Read all the information and instructions contained in this form.
- Fill out the application form on the back of this page. You may wish to photocopy this page to keep for reference.
- Write a statement (one page, typed, double-spaced) describing your background and experience in speech. Include activities and accomplishments in school, church, and community during your high school career. State your future plans, your reason for needing the scholarship, and any other information that would illuminate your potential and goals in speech communication. Staple your statement to this application form.
- Solicit two letters of reference from people who are familiar with your speech activities and potential. They may be included with this application or sent directly to the scholarship address on the back.
- Produce a recording (VHS, DVD or online posting) which illustrates one of your speaking performances. The recording may be of a live performance or can be made especially for this application. It should be between 5 and 15 minutes in length, and should begin with these words: "This is (name), presenting a recording in support of an application for a scholarship in speech at Bethany Lutheran College. This recording is (follow with a brief description of what is on the recording)." The tape/DVD becomes property of the Bethany Speech Team. A live audition during a campus visit may substituted for the recording.
- A current transcript of high school records must be received by the college before this application may be processed.

Qualification for and Maintenance of Scholarships

Once a student is granted a scholarship in speech at Bethany, the following requirements exist for the maintenance of the scholarship:

The recipient must be a full-time student at Bethany Lutheran College (carrying 12 or more credits) and must maintain a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0.

In consultation with an advisor, the recipient must develop an academic program which provides for growth in quality of speaking and critical thinking skills and a broad educational background.

The participant is expected to participate actively in the college's extracurricular speech activities (forensics and/or debate) and to assist with the various forums and workshops with which the college's speech program is involved.

One half of the designated scholarship amount is applied to the student's account each semester.

Scholarships are renewable each semester if the requirements are being fulfilled and may be dropped if requirements are not met. A scholarship may be restored at such time as the requirements are satisfactorily met.

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| <h2>Personal Information</h2> | | |
| Name: | _____ | _____ |
| | (last) | (first) |
| | | (middle) |
| Home Address: | _____ | |
| City: | _____ | State: _____ Zip: _____ |
| Telephone: (_____) | _____ | Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ |
| Email Address: | _____ | |
| High School: | _____ | |

Application Checklist:

I have:

- Filled out the personal information section above
- Written a one-page statement describing my speech activities and goals, and attached it to this page
- Solicited letters of reference from each of the two following persons:

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| Name: _____ | Name: _____ |
| Position: _____ | Position: _____ |
| Address: _____ | Address: _____ |
- Prepared a recording illustrating one of my speaking performances and included it with this application
- Arranged for my current transcript to be sent to Bethany Lutheran College

Send your completed application to:

Alta Schaffer
Communication Division
Bethany Lutheran College
700 Luther Drive
Mankato, MN 56001-6163

All materials must be received no later than **January 31** in order to ensure consideration. Applications received after that date will be considered only so far as funds are available.