Journalism scholarships are awarded to students who have displayed a talent for writing in high school classes, on the school newspaper or yearbook staff, or through self-initiated projects. Students who are awarded this scholarship must complete ENGL110 (College Writing I) in their freshman year and a humanities or literature course in their sophomore year. To extend the award into their junior year, they must enroll in COMM380 (Journalism). Extending the award into the senior year requires enrollment for an additional 3 credits in literature or the humanities. Two contributions in each of the Scroll’s (newspaper) twice-monthly publications or involvement in the publication of the Fidelis (yearbook) are also required.

Newspaper

Applicants for a scholarship to work on the Bethany Scroll must submit at least two written works, either a published piece or a typed and double-spaced manuscript, each 2 to 6 pages in length. In addition, applicants should write a 1-2 page summary of their journalism activities and training.

Yearbook

Applicants for a scholarship to work on the Fidelis must submit one sample of their best writing, either a published piece or a typed and double-spaced manuscript, 2 to 6 pages in length. In addition, applicants should send a copy of one layout or page design and a summary of yearbook activities and training.

Photojournalism

Photojournalism scholarships are awarded to students who exhibit talent in photography. Students receiving a photojournalism scholarship will be required to contribute pictures to the school newspaper and yearbook and assist with darkroom operation and maintenance. Enrollment in ARTS113 is required. Applicants should submit a portfolio of 6-12, 5x7 color or black and white prints and a written summary of their photographic training.

Application Procedure

• Fill out this application form completely.

• Write a statement (one page, typed, double-spaced) listing honors received, awards, extra-curricular activities in school, church, and community during your high school career. State your reasons for applying for the scholarship, including your past experience and future plans and why you need the scholarship. Include specific information regarding exhibitions, publications and other information specific to the area in which you are applying.

• Solicit two letters of reference from people in the field in which you are applying. They may be included with the application or sent directly to the scholarship address listed on the bottom of the next page.

• A current transcript of high school records must be received by the college before this application may be processed.
Check below the scholarship area in which you are applying. If you wish to apply in more than one area of interest, number them in order of priority. Ordinarily, only one Journalism Scholarship is offered per student.

____ Newspaper   ____ Photojournalism   ____ Yearbook

Maintenance of Scholarships

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

The recipient, in consultation with an advisor, must plan a program which provides for the development of the skills for which the scholarship is provided.

When scholarships are awarded, one half is applied to the student's account each semester. Scholarships are renewed each semester as long as the following requirements are being fulfilled (if the recipient becomes ineligible, the scholarship may be restored at such time as the requirements are satisfactorily met):

• Maintenance of at least a 2.0 overall GPA
• Satisfactory participation in the co-curricular activities of the department
• Enrollment in required courses
• Recommendation of the student’s advisor

Personal Information

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________
(last)                                                            (first)                                                            (middle)
Home Address: ________________________________________________________________________________
City: ______________________________________ State: ________________________ Zip: ________________
Telephone: ( ______ ) _______________________________________ Date of Birth: _______/ _______/ _______
Email Address: ________________________________________________________________________________
High School: __________________________________________________________________________________

Send your completed application to:
Scholarships
Communication Division
Bethany Lutheran College
700 Luther Drive
Mankato, MN 56001-6163

Applications and all pertinent material must be received no later than January 31 to ensure consideration. Applications received after the due date will be considered only so far as funds are available.