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 (1-2 pages, 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 (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 DVD becomes property of the Bethany Speech Team. A live audition during a campus visit may be 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 co-curricular 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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**Personal Information**

Name: ____________________________________________ (last) (first) (middle)

Home Address: ____________________________________________

City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip: __________________________

Telephone: (_____) __________________________ Date of Birth: _______/ _______/ ______

Email Address: ____________________________________________

High School: ____________________________________________

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**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:

  Name: __________________________
  Position: __________________________
  Address: __________________________

  Name: __________________________
  Position: __________________________
  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:

Director of Forensics
Bethany Lutheran College
700 Luther Drive
Mankato, MN 56001-6163

Or email your completed application and all materials by January 31 to the Director of Forensics, Jon Loging, at: jon.loging@blc.edu

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.