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MLC Alumni Association
1995 Luther Court
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Dear Members of the MLC Alumni Association,

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for awarding me the MLC Alumni Association Scholarship for the 2025–2026 school year. My name is Austin Erickson, and I am currently a junior at Martin Luther College, double-majoring in physical education and elementary education. I plan to graduate in 2027, following my two semesters of student teaching. I am truly honored and thankful for your generous support and encouragement through this scholarship.

I grew up in a family of eleven, with eight siblings and two loving parents. My home was always full of activity and faith, and I am especially thankful for the spiritual influence of my grandpa, who served as a pastor at my home church before retiring. Growing up surrounded by Christian examples and encouragement led me to develop a deep appreciation for ministry and Christian education.



I originally grew up in Medford, Minnesota, and after my senior year of high school, my family moved just outside of St. Clair, Minnesota. My decision to attend Martin Luther College came from a desire to serve others and share God's Word through teaching. I've been blessed by my time at MLC, where I've grown not only in knowledge and experience but also in faith and confidence in my calling.

This scholarship is such a blessing. It helps relieve some financial pressures and allows me to focus on my studies and ministry preparation. More importantly, it reminds me that there are people like you who care deeply about supporting future called workers. Your generosity motivates me to work hard and to someday encourage others in the same way.

Thank you again for your kindness and generosity. I pray that God continues to bless you and that he uses me and my classmates to carry out his work faithfully wherever we are called to serve.

In Christ,

Austin Erickson