

## Congregations lend support

“Part of our congregational vision is to encourage more youth for ministry. With nine students at MLC this year, the Congregational Matching Grant Program was an encouraging pat on the back—not only for the students receiving the grant, but also for our congregation as it strengthened our partnership with MLC and our synod.”

**Pastor Joel Heckendorf**  
Immanuel-Greenville WI

## Students are grateful

“My congregation gives me constant encouragement through prayers and care packages, as well as with the congregation matching funds. It means so much.”

**Noelle Boucher '21**  
Shepherd of the Valley-Westminster CO

“The members of St. Paul’s are genuinely excited for my success at MLC. It’s difficult to put into words what it means that fellow members of the holy Christian church have my back as I prepare to bring the gospel to all nations.”

**Jeremy Fluegge '20**  
St. Paul-Onalaska WI

“My home congregation is participating in the grant program, which is a huge help financially. Also, they pray for me and my studies all the time. To know that I have support at home is crucial to my success here.”

**Faith Otte '21**  
Bethel-York NE



MARTIN LUTHER COLLEGE

## CONGREGATIONAL PARTNER GRANT PROGRAM

For Eligible Students Enrolling in 2018-2019 Academic Year

*Congregations partnering with  
Martin Luther College*  
to help prepare and support future  
pastors, teachers, and staff ministers

**THE APPLICATION FORM  
CAN BE FOUND AT  
[mlc-wels.edu/go/cpgf](http://mlc-wels.edu/go/cpgf).**



Please send form and  
check (payable to MLC) to . . .

**MLC Congregational Partner  
Grant Program**  
1995 Luther Court  
New Ulm MN 56073

***Due date: June 1, 2018***

Applications and checks must be postmarked  
by June 1, 2018.

***Questions?***

877.MLC.1995  
[ottersmj@mlc-wels.edu](mailto:ottersmj@mlc-wels.edu)





## Martin Luther College is your WELS COLLEGE OF MINISTRY.

We train men and women who are qualified to meet the ministry needs of WELS.

Specifically, MLC . . .

- Prepares men for pastoral training at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.
- Prepares men and women for service as teachers and staff ministers in WELS churches, schools, and other ministries.
- Provides graduate programs and continuing education for the spiritual growth and professional development of called workers.



# Congregational Partner Grant Program

Through the MLC Congregational Partner Grant Program, congregations can encourage and support their members who want to prepare for the public ministry at Martin Luther College.

**The congregation awards a grant to first-year, sophomore, and junior students admitted to MLC for the 2018-2019 academic year, and MLC matches that grant up to \$1,000 per student.**

## How does it work?

- The congregation agrees to participate in the Congregational Partner Grant Program and to fund it.
- The congregation designates the monies in their Congregational Partner Grant Program fund toward students who have been admitted to MLC as first-year, sophomore, or junior full-time students.
- The congregation prints and completes the *Congregational Partner Grant Program* form at [mlc-wels.edu/go/cpgf](http://mlc-wels.edu/go/cpgf), listing the student(s) who will receive a grant.
- The congregation mails the form and the check (payable to MLC) postmarked by no later than **June 1, 2018**.
- MLC matches the congregational grant from \$100 (minimum) to \$1000 (maximum) per student.

## What else do we need to know?

**Eligibility:** Only first-year, sophomore, and junior full-time traditional students are eligible for this program. Graduate students and continuing ed students are not eligible.

**Tax code restrictions:** Federal and state tax code prohibits family members from providing direct support to a student of their choice through the Congregational Partner Grant Program fund for the purpose of obtaining a tax benefit. Therefore . . .

- Donations to the Congregational Partner Grant Program fund should not be accepted from the students or their parents.
- All donations must be directed to the fund itself, not designated for a specific student.
- The congregation is encouraged to award the money in the fund equally, not designate more money toward a particular student.

**Student aid package:** As with any grant or scholarship, the monies awarded to a student through a Congregational Partner Grant may limit the student's eligibility for government assistance.

