

CULTURAL IMPACT SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility and Scholarship Details

- Incoming first-year, full-time degree-seeking undergraduates are invited to apply
- Must be an on-campus student
- Up to an \$8,000 renewable scholarship
- Must reapply each subsequent year and maintain eligibility
- Selection based on the response to the essay topics below. *Names are removed from the essay before the Cultural Impact Committee reviews the application to ensure non-preferential selection.*

Application Process

- Submit two letters of recommendation
 - Those attending WELS prep or area Lutheran high schools should submit letters from their high school leadership. Students applying from public or homeschools may submit letters from their pastor and a teacher / mentor.
- Write an essay using either Word or Google Docs, and
- Email your attachment to scholarships@mlc-wels.edu no later than **June 15, 2026**.

On the top portion of your essay, provide the following information:

	Example:
o Your name	Jane Doe
o Scholarship name	Cultural Impact Scholarship
o Word count for your essay	755 words
o Graduation date and school	May 2030, Winnebago Lutheran

Submit an essay (from 750 to 1000 words) that explains how you have reached across cultural barriers to spread God's Word and how you will continue to do so.

Address these specific topics:

- 1) Describe two specific examples of situations that demonstrate how your unique cultural background and/or outreach experiences have made an impact at your local high school and/or congregation.
- 2) How do you plan to use your background and/or experiences to continue outreach efforts at MLC?
- 3) As you look at your future ministry, how will you use your unique perspectives and life experiences to make a lasting impact across the broader WELS church community?