

GOAL – To provide a Christian education to assist struggling families with financial assistance by removing some of the burden of education and/or tuition fees.

Members sponsor a student by providing 30-50-80% of their education and/or tuition fees. Parents must provide something. Scrip Program totals would be included in the amount of assistance.

Could be more than one member assisting a child or family.

\$20 a Month Club

Student must maintain a minimum grade average. (C+?).

Does the sponsor know who the child is or how he/she is doing? Do the parents find out at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade who sponsored them?

Proof on need? How determined?

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A way for members to assist once a year, but possible the full 8 years. Would members make a commitment for the full 8 years?

Mr. Brandt at VLHS – source of info for financial assistance programs.

GRANT-PARENT Educational Assistance Program

MISSION STATEMENT: To provide a Christian education by assisting struggling families with financial assistance and removing some of the burden of education and/or tuition fees.

A student on the Program must maintain a minimum grade average of C+. We know that God creates us with many different talents, and knowing that academics can be a struggle for some, the minimum may be adjusted up or down.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we are interested in assisting a current or new family receive a Christian education at Trinity Lutheran School.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we are will to provide \$\_\_\_\_\_ a month for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months or for \_\_\_\_\_ years for a child to attend Trinity Lutheran School.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would be interested in writing notes of encouragement to the student and family occasionally throughout the year.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will keep this family and child in our daily prayers while this family is part of our Trinity Family.

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we will receive regular reports from the principal about this child we are sponsoring

\_\_\_\_\_ I/we would like to know our student's/family's names at eighth grade graduation.

If there is an agreement between both parties, the sponsoring family and the assisted family can be revealed to each other after graduation from Trinity. If one or the other party is not interested in meeting, the relationship could be revealed 5 years after graduation from Trinity to the interested party.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE OF EDUCATION/TUITION FEES

GOAL: To provide a Christiana education for my child \_\_\_\_\_  
as he/she attends Trinity Lutheran School.

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan on sending my child to Trinity Lutheran School for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

\_\_\_\_\_ I understand I must provide as much as I can financially.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will keep the people helping me in my daily prayers as they help me to help my child grow as a Christian.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will, with help from my child's teachers, assist in my child maintaining a C+ or better grade point average. We know that God creates us with many different talents and knowing that academics can be a struggle for some, the minimum may be adjusted up or down.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have completed the Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Form and these figures, along with any Scrip contributions, may be used to determine my child's financial need.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will make weekly, twice monthly, or monthly payments by the \_\_\_\_\_ of each week, twice monthly or month. This contract will be considered null and void if I fail to make these scheduled payments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am willing to participate in a minimum of 2 of the yearly committees such as room mother, library assistant, or fish fry. (Additional events are attached)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would be willing to know the people assisting me with my child's education.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am not interested in revealing our name to a sponsor at this time. I understand I can change my mind at any time. I understand that after a period of 5 years my name and my child's name can be revealed to our sponsor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## **Steps to implement this program**

GOAL: To assist a minimum of one family for the 2008-2009 School Year and to add an additional family each year thereafter.

1. Review and fine tune with Jane
2. Jane presents to the Board of Education
3. Find people willing to sponsor a new or current Trinity Student
4. Jane and 2 members of the Board of Education would be a committee within the Board of Ed to prayerfully consider which families, with a total amount of money available, will be contacted. Jane will let the families that have applied know how much money is available to them and how much they must provide.
5. The only people knowing the families being helped would be Jane, 2 members of the Board of Education, and Kelly.
6. Mentors will be assigned to the child and his/her family. Several tuition families have not felt accepted by the other families at Trinity Lutheran School. We must find a way to make them feel welcome by other students AND families of Trinity.
7. This is a way for Trinity members to assist once a year, but possibly for the full 8 years. Our members will sponsor a student by providing 30-50-80% of a students education and/or tuition fees. Scrip Program totals would be included in the amount of assistance provided. Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Forms would be used to determine the percentage the family must provide. This would not be a free ride unless the member of the program provides 1/2 of the total Ed Fees and tuition in September and the balance in January

EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

WELCOME TO OUR TRINITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL FAMILY!!

After prayerful consideration your family and your child, \_\_\_\_\_, have been accepted as part of Trinity Lutheran School's Educational Assistance Program.

Your Free and Reduced Hot Lunch Application allows for a reduction in Education Fees in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. The total due for Education Fees from you is \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

In Addition:

Your child will be provided with \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward his/her Education Fees

Your child will be provided with \$ \_\_\_\_\_ toward his/her Tuition Fees.

You are asked to provide the balance of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We ask that you weekly, twice monthly, or monthly make payments by the \_\_\_\_\_ of each month.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY...  
MENTOR FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUALS

GOAL: To make the transition to Trinity easier for a new family and to make other families become a part of the Trinity Lutheran School family

How Can I Help?

- I can keep them in our family's prayers and my personal prayers.
- Greet the family when they attend church.
- My child could have their child over for a play date
- If the family is working on the same committee as I am, I can talk to them occasionally throughout the evening, afternoon, or event.
- I can introduce them to other members of the committee or group.
- I can sit next to them at a game or concert or even church.
- If I see them alone I will talk to them. Even a few minutes will make them feel like less of an outsider.
- Do they have any questions you can help with?
- Keep this up for each year you or they attend Trinity -- you may make a new lifelong friend!

Board of Education members:

If our church and school are to **Teach** about Christ, we can help by being a Christian example to parents and their children attending Trinity Lutheran School.

If our church and school are to **Lead** to Christ, we can help by encouraging parents and their children to attend Trinity Lutheran School.

If our church and school are to **Care** like Christ, we can help by making it financially possible for parents and their children to attend Trinity Lutheran School.

Occasionally, there are members of Trinity asking how can they help the school. This is one way that the church and school can be working together to continue to make Trinity a 'Great Place to Grow'.

You may have concerns or better ideas about the program being presented to you. Please review this information and feel free to make suggestions. This is meant as a new and positive way of improving Trinity Lutheran School.