



2015-2016

TUITION, FEES & FINANCIAL AID

**CURRENT & TRANSFER STUDENTS
INFORMATION PACKET**



Luther North College Prep has long been committed to providing quality Christian education to a broad range of students from diverse economic backgrounds. We draw students from all over the city and suburbs alike. In 2014-2015, 74% of the student body was awarded some form of tuition assistance with the average award being \$4600.00. The minimum scholarship & financial aid awards will not exceed a total of \$5700.00 off of the published tuition.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

All current and accepted incoming students that wish to apply for scholarships & financial aid **MUST** adhere to the deadlines in this packet. If you received a scholarship or financial aid in previous years, you still must apply to receive funds in 2015-2016.

Process for applying:

1. There are several opportunities for students to apply for merit based scholarships – deadline for all of these scholarships are March 15, 2015 and will be awarded at the honors banquet at the end of the school year. Information is included in this packet for requirements for application.
2. In order to be considered for financial aid, the registration form and request for financial aid & scholarships form must be completed and returned to the school along with the \$300 non-refundable registration fee **NO LATER THAN April 30, 2015.**
3. Applications for Cross Star Education Funds are all processed through Smart Tuition Aid. You must submit the application in Smart Tuition Aid – LNCP will receive a report with a recommended amount of financial aid once your application is processed. all
4. **All scholarship and financial aid award notification begins May 15, 2014.**

TUITION & FEES:

	Cost	Comments	Deadlines
Tuition	\$8,700.00	Includes all educational costs	See payment options below
Registration Fee	\$300.00	Must be paid for financial aid, scholarships and course selection	Due 4/1/2015
Technology Fee	\$150.00	Includes usage of school technology, internet access and \$10 pre-loaded student printing	Due at orientation
Chromebook Purchase	\$250.00*	1:1 initiative required for freshmen and sophomores	See payment options plans below
Activity Fee	\$300.00	Includes yearbook, lock, planner, lanyard, ID, one set of PE issue and extra-curricular activities	Due at orientation
ST Fee	\$45.00	Fee for using Smart Tuition	Due first tuition bill

PAYMENT PLAN OPTIONS:

PLAN #1 – FULL-YEAR PAYMENT PLAN – 2 payments due:

- June 1, 2015
- August 1, 2015

PLAN #2 – SEMESTER PAYMENT PLAN – 4 payments due:

- June 1, 2015
- August 1, 2015
- October 1, 2015
- December 1, 2015

PLAN #3 – 10 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN – carrying charge of \$100.00

Payment in ten monthly installments beginning on June 1, 2015

PLAN #4 – 12 MONTH PAYMENT PLAN – carrying charge of \$120.00

Payment in twelve monthly installments beginning on June 1, 2015

***CHROMEBOOK - 1:1 Initiative:**

Giving our students and teachers the tools they need to succeed in a digital world is an important endeavor for our school. Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, all freshmen and sophomores will be issued a Chromebook at the beginning of the year, to be used throughout their years at LNCP and beyond. It is mandatory for all students in the classes of 2018 & 2019 to participate in the program. We encourage the class of 2017 to opt in and purchase a Chromebook for their final 2 years of school at LNCP. The class of 2016 students are able to purchase and use the Chromebooks in their final year if they so desire.

To be college and career-ready, our students will need to be adept at using technology for critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, multi-media research and sharing and as an essential tool for interaction in a global environment. The school has been piloting the 1:1 initiative in classrooms for the past year. The decision to select Chromebooks was based on several factors, including cost, speed, management of the technology, number of applications (apps) and cloud back-up so student material is always available on any device. Chromebooks are also tightly integrated with Google Apps, which are used heavily in the classroom.

Families will share the cost of the required purchase of the device, which will become the property and responsibility of the student. Upon graduation, the family will own their student's device. During their time at LNCP, families will pay a total of \$250.00 towards the cost of the device. The Chromebooks will be purchased through the school and set up with the necessary applications and access to online books needed for their classes. The school will also serve as tech support for the student's devices throughout their time at LNCP.

Families may choose to pay for the Chromebook in a 1 year payment of \$250.00 or a 2 year payment plan of \$130.00 per year. If the student leaves prior to full payment of the Chromebook, it will be the property of LNCP.

FAMILY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:

There are four types of tuition assistance:

1. **Scholarship Awards**
2. **Entitlement Grants**
3. **Need-based Awards**
4. **Incentive Grants**

Each student must be enrolled, registered, and in attendance before any financial assistance will be applied to tuition bills.

PROGRAM	CRITERIA	AMOUNT	HS YEAR
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS			
Freshman Scholarship: each is a 4 year award based on achievement. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gast Family Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5500 per year Berning Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$5000 per year Ann Rundio Scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4500 per year Wildcat scholarship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$4000 per year Blue & Gold scholarship – 2 awarded <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$3000 per year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Qualifying score on entrance exam 2 letters of recommendation Transcript including 8th grade semester 1 grades Five paragraph essay – What are your academic, personal and extracurricular goals for high school? <p>Students are awarded the scholarships as incoming freshmen – they must maintain the criteria each year or the scholarship will be revoked and re-awarded to a qualifying student in the same graduation year.</p>	\$3000-\$5500 annually	Freshmen – Seniors beginning with the class of 2016
The Grim Scholarship	Awarded by faculty through application process	\$2,500	Sophomores - Seniors
The Allison Bauer Scholarship	Awarded by faculty through application process	\$2,000	Sophomores - Seniors
The Luther North Pride Scholarship	Awarded by faculty through application process	\$5,000	Sophomores - Seniors
The Exley Family Scholarship	Awarded by faculty through application process	\$5,000	Sophomores - Seniors
The Demetrios Scholarship for the Dramatic Arts and Academic Excellence	Awarded by faculty through application process	\$5,000	Sophomores - Seniors
The Roland Filippi Scholarship	Awarded by faculty through application process	\$5,000	Sophomores - Seniors
The Erhard Wolf Memorial Scholarship for the Fine Arts	Awarded by faculty through application process	\$5,000	Sophomores - Seniors
Fine Arts Academy Scholarship	Awarded by faculty selection	\$1000	Sophomores – Seniors
Business Academy Scholarship	Awarded by faculty selection	\$1000	Sophomores – Seniors
Health Science Academy Scholarship	Awarded by faculty selection	\$1000	Sophomores - Seniors
ENTITLEMENT GRANTS			
Lutheran School Graduate	Graduate from Lutheran school	\$500	Freshman yr only
Other Christian School Graduate	Graduate from other Christian school	\$500	Freshman yr only
Multiple Sibling	Sibling(s) attending LNCP – discount to each sibling in the family	\$1000	Each qualifying year
Legacy Grant	Child of LNCP Alumnus – \$500 discount	\$500 max	Each qualifying year
Lutheran Staff Discount	Child of full-time Lutheran Church/School Employee – maximum discount of 1 per family (student)	\$1500	Each qualifying year
Clergy Discount	Child of full-time Ordained Clergy – maximum discount of 1 per family (student)	\$1500	Each qualifying year

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NEED-BASED AWARDS			
Cross Star Grant-in-Aid	Demonstration of family need, must submit application through Smart Tuition along with letter of need to LNCP. Deadline for submission is May 1, 2015	varies	Each qualifying year
INCENTIVE GRANTS			
Sharing the Opportunity Grant	LNCP family who brings in and can verify as a "recruiter" for a new student at LNCP	\$1000 per student	Each verified recruit
Pre-payment credits	Family pre-pays (Tuition Plan 1 or 2)	\$100-\$200	Each qualifying yr
OUTSIDE SOURCE GRANTS			
Congregational	Member of supportive church – families will be notified if they qualify	Varies w/church	Each qualifying yr
Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF)	By application – must have graduated from a Chicago Lutheran elementary school.	\$4,000	Each qualifying yr
Len-Rich Foundation Grant	By application	\$1000 per year	4 yr award

DESCRIPTION OF AWARDS:

Freshman Scholarship Program

Luther North College Prep awards 6 incoming freshmen students with academic scholarships in amounts ranging from \$3,000-\$5,500.

Criteria to qualify:

1. Must qualify on the entrance exam in December – top 15% on the standardized test.
Families will be notified in mid-December.
2. After qualifying on the exam:
 - a. Submit 2 letters of recommendation
 - b. Transcript including 1st semester grades from 8th grade
 - c. Essay – What are your academic, personal and extracurricular goals for high school?

Scholarship is for 4 years as long as the following criteria are met:

1. Participate in 2 extra-curricular activities per year
2. Ten service hours to the school
3. If the student GPA falls below 3.5 at any time, they may have scholarship revoked

Application deadline: February 6, 2015.

The Grim Scholarship

Cross country and track athletes that have excelled in athletics, academics and leadership on and off the track are qualified to apply. Students will be selected by faculty from the applicants.

Requirements:

1. 2.5 cumulative GPA
2. Participate in cross country and/or track in the current school year
3. Demonstrated leadership & Christian values

The Allison Bauer '03 Memorial Scholarship

A school designated memorial scholarship fund has been established in the name of Allison Bauer '03. Allison died unexpectedly at the age of 25 in 2010. While at LHN, Allison was an average student with above average character. She was an active member of the athletics at LHN by participating in basketball, volleyball, softball and soccer. Following her graduation, Allison continued her active involvement in LHN athletics through coaching. As a high school student, Allison strove to be a good friend to all, and she always saw the good in everyone. In memory of Allison's life and spirit, this scholarship is available to provide tuition assistance to students currently enrolled.

Requirements:

1. Female student athlete must maintain a "C" average
2. Exemplifies good Christian character
3. Written essay, 1-2 pages on "How have I or how can I make a positive difference in the life of the students around me?"
4. 2 letters of recommendation from teachers, coaches or mentors speaking to your character

The Luther North Pride Scholarship

Requirements:

1. Student must present financial need
 - a. Academic & athletic ability will NOT be taken into consideration
 - b. Although not a requirement, consideration will be given to students who come from single-parent family or military family (a parent on active duty or active Guard or Reserve)
2. Student must commit to a minimum of two events totaling at least 10 service hours per semester
 - a. Promoting LNCP at Alumni Based events
 - b. Promoting LNCP with perspective students
 - c. Other activities promoting LNCP, subject to approval by the Trust
3. To qualify for the scholarship of \$2,500 each semester, the following written correspondence must be provided at least three weeks prior to the start of the semester:
 - a. The student must submit, to the Trust, a proposal to meet the requirement of 2 above.
 - b. The School administration must submit, to the Trust:
 - i. the name of the student and class; and on initial selection, reason for selection;
 - ii. Confirmation, with details, that the student completed (or failed to complete) the requirements of 2 above, for the prior semester

The Exley Family Scholarship

Requirements:

1. Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
2. Need financial assistance to attend LNCP
3. Submit a 1 page personal statement on the impact LNCP has had on you

The Demetrios Scholarship for the Dramatic Arts and Academic Excellence

The Demetrios scholarship, named in honor of Greek Orthodox Bishop Demetrios Kantzavelos (LHN class of 1980) will be awarded annually to a student active in school theatrical/drama activities.

Requirements:

- Recipients are drama/theatre students entering grades 10, 11 or 12.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Priority given to students of a faith tradition *other than* Lutheran
- Recipients will have been involved in both major productions of the previous year, and continue involvement for the year they have the scholarship.
- Scholarship recipients will be required to write a letter of acknowledgement addressed to the namesake of the award within two weeks of receiving award.
- Two letters of recommendation.
 - 1) from theatre director
 - 2) from pastor/religious leader
- Personal Statement Essay. Applicants shall endeavor to address the following questions:
 - What has my theatrical experience taught me?
 - How do I believe that my theatrical experience will influence my future endeavors?

The Roland Filippi Scholarship

The scholarship will be awarded to a student that demonstrates academic excellence, service to the school and community, and involvement in extra-curricular activities. Preference will be given to students with an interest in pursuing a career in law.

Requirements:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher
- Participates in extra-curricular activities
- Contributes to enhancing the reputation of LNCP
- Volunteers at school and in his/her community
- Has an interest in pursuing a career in law

Application requirements

The applicant will create a typewritten application with the following headings and instructions:

1. Name
2. School Year Applied For (e.g., My junior year, 2015/2016)
3. Current GPA
4. Extra-Curricular Activities
5. Volunteer/Service Activities at LNCP and In My Community
6. How Have You Enhanced The Reputation of LNCP?
7. Brief Essay: How does the rule of law contribute to the advancement/development of free societies, and please describe your interest in possibly pursuing a career in law someday.

The Erhard Wolf Memorial Scholarship for the Fine Arts

The Erhard Wolf Memorial Scholarship for the Fine Arts is funded by Mr. Wolf's family through a gift to Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation. Mr. Wolf had a passion for music and was an operatic baritone who sang recitals and light opera. The \$5,000 scholarship is available to an exceptional student in the arts who demonstrates financial need.

Requirements:

- Recipients are fine arts students entering grades 10, 11 or 12.
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA
- Scholarship recipients will be required to write a letter of acknowledgement within two weeks of receiving award.

Application requirements:

- Two letters of recommendation:
 - from fine arts instructor
 - from pastor/religious leader
- Personal Statement Essay. Applicants shall endeavor to address the following questions:
 - What has my fine arts experience taught me?
 - How do I believe that my fine arts experience will influence my future endeavors?

Fine Arts Academy Scholarships

One scholarship will be awarded from 1 of the following disciplines:

- Instrumental, Theater, Visual or Vocal Arts

Scholarship is \$1000 per year and awarded each spring for the following school year. Students are chosen by the faculty of the Fine Arts Department.

Business Academy Scholarship

One scholarship of \$1000 per year is awarded each spring for the following school year. Students are chosen by the faculty of the Business Academy.

Health Science Academy Scholarship

One scholarship of \$1000 per year is awarded each spring for the following school year. Students are chosen by the faculty of the Health Science Academy.

Cross Star Grant-in-Aid Program

Luther North College Prep's Cross Star Grant-in-Aid program is designed to ensure that talented students will not be denied a LNCP education due to financial circumstances. Grant-in-Aid is funded through generous donations of alumni and supporters.

To apply for a Cross Star Grant-in-Aid:

1. Submit LNCP application for scholarship/financial aid form to the admissions office.
2. Complete an application on the Smart Tuition website beginning January 2015.
3. Submit a letter to the admissions office with any other information they deem relevant to the decision making process.
4. All applications must be completed no later than **May 1, 2015**; a request that is filed late will not be included in the initial aid allotment. As a result, funds may not be available even though the family qualifies for assistance. Because LNCP's financial aid funds are limited, it is possible for a student to be accepted to the school but not receive funding even though all deadlines have been met.

Requirements:

1. Students must maintain passing grades; failures or multiple "D" grades will eliminate them from program participation.
2. Any student placed on disciplinary probation may also be eliminated from program participation.
3. Families of students receiving financial aid will be required to serve a minimum of 20 approved volunteer hours to the school per school year. Failure to complete hours will eliminate the award.
4. Tuition and fees from the previous year must be paid in full.
5. Tuition and fees payment contracts must be received on time in order to be eligible.
6. Tuition payments received late may result in loss of all financial aid.

The Len-Rich Athletic Foundation Scholarship

Two scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen in the amount of \$4,000.00 to be paid in four (4) equal yearly installments of \$1,000.00 annually. This is a four year award as long as the requirements are met. **Application form and criteria is included in this packet, deadline to apply is March 15, 2015.**

Requirements:

1. Student must be approved for financial aid and recommended to the Len-Rich Foundation by LNCP
2. Must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
3. Must participate in at least two extra-curricular activities each academic year
4. Must maintain a good disciplinary record, including good attendance
5. Agree to allow Len-Rich Foundation to use his or her photograph and yearly summary comments in promoting foundation

Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation (CLEF) Scholarship

Two scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshman in the amount of \$4,000 annually. Scholarships are intended to help students with financial need continue their education in a Lutheran setting. Applicants must have graduated from a Chicago Lutheran elementary (CLEF) school, and have attended a CLEF grade school for a minimum of two years. **Application form and criteria is included in this packet, deadline to apply is March 15, 2015.**

Criteria to qualify:

1. 2 letters of recommendation (teacher, principal, pastor)
2. 8th grade first semester report card
3. Essay – What are your academic, personal, and extracurricular goals for high school? (1-2 pages typed)
4. CLEF Scholarship application
5. Completed Smart Tuition Financial Aid Analysis

Scholarship is renewable for 4 years as long as the following criteria are met:

1. Students that fall below a 3.0 GPA may result in award not being renewed
2. Participate in 2 extra-curricular activities per year
3. Ten service hours to the school
4. Thank you letter with progress update written to CLEF at least twice annually
5. Complete CLEF paperwork to renew scholarship
6. Attend annual CLEF scholar reception

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

- All scholarships, grants and/or tuition discounts are applied towards tuition only. All required fees are the responsibility of those paying each student's bill.
- The scholarships, grants, and/or tuition discounts are determined by the length of enrollment, eligibility, and/or qualification during any given year. Financial assistance in the case of termination of enrollment or eligibility is not refundable, just as required fees are not refundable.
- **Families must apply each year for financial assistance.**
- Apply early for financial aid. Applications are submitted and processed monthly. **We cannot guarantee any financial aid to those who apply after June 1, 2015.**
- If any amount of tuition, fees, fines or replacement costs for lost or damaged school property are not paid prior to the end of that semester, Luther North's Board of Trustees' policy states that all such students are to be withheld from enrolling and attending the next semester session. Official transcripts will be withheld until debt owed to LNCP is paid in full. The same policy applies to graduation. Students with any tuition, fees, fines or replacement costs in arrears will be withheld from graduation ceremonies, and receipt of transcripts and/or diploma will be withheld until such debts and resultant fines are paid in full. Payments made by personal check, business check, or online by ACH will be subject to a 14 day hold to allow for clearance of funds.
- In each payment plan, required fees are included in the first payment. These are not refundable under any circumstances, nor are they discounted due to the school financial assistance program. Tuition is non-refundable once a semester has begun.
- Each person responsible for each family's tuition fee bill must sign the "Luther North College Prep Financial Commitment Form" and "Smart Tuition Form" before any tuition scholarships, grants, or discounts are applied to the tuition bill.
- All required forms and procedures must be completed by the published deadlines.
- Students must maintain passing grades; failures or multiple "D" grades will eliminate them from program participation. In addition, any student put on disciplinary probation may also be eliminated from program participation. All service hours must be completed in a timely manner.