

## THE JEANNE M. CHANEY MEMORIAL BOOK AWARD

The Jeanne M. Chaney Memorial Book Award Fund was established in memory and honor of Jeanne M. Chaney by her family. Mrs. Chaney, a member of Atonement Lutheran Church, died in August 2001. She made a difference in her church and community and was representative of the exemplary qualities sought for the award (see page 2). It is hoped all applicants will continue to serve their church and community-at-large throughout their lives.

**The Award.** The recipient will receive \$1,000 for the first year of higher education. This will support the cost of books (paper/electronic) or computers and software for course requirements. Half of the award (\$500) is given in August and the other half in January. To receive the January payment, the recipient must send a letter to Atonement Lutheran Church, confirming their registration to enroll in and complete the following semester or quarters.

**Eligibility Requirements.** Applicants must:

- Hold U.S. citizenship or be a permanent resident of the U.S.
- Be a member of Atonement Lutheran Church for one year or more.
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or above.
- Be a graduating high school senior.
- Plan to enroll in a 4-year degree program following graduation from high school.

### **Applying, Selection Committee, Notification.**

Eligible applicants will submit the application, including all required information, essay, transcripts, and recommendations, as specified, by April 15. **Application materials may be found on the website of Atonement Lutheran Church at <https://atonementwyo.org/resources/awards> .**

Applications may be completed and submitted online or can be printed, completed in ink, and submitted to the church office.

A selection committee of three to five members from Atonement Church will review the applications, interview each applicant and select the award recipient. The Chair will contact applicants via email or telephone as each step proceeds. Questions may be directed to the Chair. Relatives of the applicants may not serve on the committee.

Completed applications should be received by the church by April 15.

The committee will notify all applicants by mail a week after interviews are completed. The award recipient will receive a telephone call from a pastor of Atonement Lutheran Church prior to the mailing.

## Attachments to the Application

### 1. Two Letters of Recommendation.

- Request two letters of recommendation. Writers of these may be members of the community, teachers, or other school staff. Letters should include the length of time and circumstances regarding the writer's acquaintance with the applicant and his/her achievements.
- If the application is delivered, recommendations may be sealed in an envelope with the completed application packet and the writer's signature written over the seal.
- If the applicant sends the application by email to the church office, the writer should mail or email his/her recommendation directly to Atonement Lutheran Church.
- Relatives of applicants and pastors of Atonement Lutheran Church may not be used for recommendations.

2. Write an essay, no longer than two pages, of your responses, beliefs, experiences, and self-evaluations, using as a guideline the quality characteristics of Jeanne M. Chaney. Use a separate sheet of paper. The essay may be handwritten or computer generated.

### **Exemplary Qualities. Discuss your achievements, experiences beliefs and values.**

#### **Suggestions below may be helpful, but are not limitations.**

- *Scholarship:* grades, honors, advanced courses, academic/arts competitions, scholarly awards and enthusiasm for knowledge.
- *Leadership:* in sports, school, community and church; responsible, self-controlling, enthusiastic, positive attitude.
- *Faith:* involvement in music groups, activities, and volunteer opportunities for youth of the congregation of Atonement Lutheran Church, the ELCA, as well as Interdenominational links.
- *Integrity:* honest, moral, genuine, humble, kind, straightforward, dependable.
- *Service:* commitment to help others in the community, nation, or world-wide
- *Citizenship:* respect for family, humanity, community and nation; patriotism, law-abiding; active in church, school, and community-at-large.
- *Fitness:* Active in varsity, inter-varsity and recreational sports, fitness training, body-building, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

3. **Transcripts: High School Academic Records.** Transcripts should include your most recent grades and GPA. Official transcripts are preferred. We acknowledge final spring transcripts may not yet be processed. Unofficial transcripts of the final spring term are accepted. Transcripts are to be mailed or emailed from your high school unless delivered with completed application packet, as previously noted.

**APPLICATION**

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Atonement Lutheran Church

5 Wyomissing Blvd.

Wyomissing, PA 19610-2081

Completed applications should arrive by April 15.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the college/university you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of admissions department: \_\_\_\_\_

Date the Fall Term begins: \_\_\_\_\_

List the following:

A. High school activities and related responsibilities:

B. Atonement Lutheran Church activities, service and responsibilities:

C. Community and/or volunteer services and responsibilities:

D. Honors, prizes, awards, or recognitions received:

