

ELCA Fund for Leaders

The ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship program supports students attending ELCA seminaries. By making seminary more affordable, the ELCA Fund for Leaders enables more future ministers to go to seminary and helps them graduate with less debt, empowering those whom God calls into ministry to go and serve as the church needs and the Holy Spirit leads.

We are church, and each of us has a unique role to play in furthering the mission and ministry of the church. Your [gift](#) to the ELCA Fund for Leaders ensures that highly talented individuals will be able to answer the call to leadership for this church and for our future.

We are grateful that the Northern Texas – Northern Louisiana Synod Fund for Leaders has provided a total of \$65,467 in scholarships since its inception. While the amount available each year varies due to investment outcomes, during the 2023-24 academic year, the generosity of donors helped provide a total of \$10,200 in scholarship support. We are also grateful for a separate scholarship in the name of Ascension Lutheran in Garland that has funded a total of \$15,800 in scholarship support, with \$4100 of that during the 2023-24 academic year. They have left a legacy to their congregation that will continue to live on through this named scholarship for years to come.

The nominated recipients for the 2024-25 academic year are:

- Olivia Riddle (St. Matthew, Fort Worth) attending Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago
- Brady Fox (Our Saviour's, Durant) attending Wartburg Theological Seminary in Dubuque, IA
- Jessica Nipp (Covenant, Temple) attending United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, PA
- Connie Ortega (Adviento, Arlington) attending Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in the TEEM program

(Connie and Jessica will be sharing the Ascension legacy scholarship)