

Dr. Irene E. Todd Scholarship Information

Dr. Irene E. Todd was born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania to George H. and Mildred Todd in 1918. She resided in Bethlehem in her early years and later attended Temple University. Dr. Todd returned to Bethlehem as a podiatrist, maintaining a practice in Bethlehem for more than 40 years.

Dr. Todd, a member of Rosemont Lutheran Church since the 1940's, bequeathed funds upon her death in December of 2004. As a result of Dr. Todd's generous bequest, Rosemont, now Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church, established a scholarship fund for the purpose of forwarding our mission: "Christ has called us together to do God's work," as well as encouraging and assisting students of all ages in the pursuit of education.

Eligibility

- Applicants must be preapproved and accepted at an institution of higher education when making an application and must submit the form provided. This form must be returned to the Scholarship Committee by April 30, 2025.
- Applicants must show financial need for the scholarship, with proof being the first page of a Federal Tax Return.
- Applicants must submit an essay of approximately 300-500 words. In your essay give some background on yourself. What are your educational goals? What are your reasons for applying for this scholarship? How would this scholarship help you achieve your career goals?
- Service to the church, synagogue, or mosque and/or to the community – submit a list of activities with leaders/supervisors.

Requirements

- All first-time applicants must take the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Test (ACT) in either their junior or senior year. A copy of the official score from the administering organization must be received by the Scholarship Committee by midnight, April 30, 2025.
- If you are a current college student there is no need to submit SAT or ACT scores. Please submit an official transcript of your college grades. Official transcripts must be received by the Scholarship Committee by midnight, April 30, 2025.

Regulations

- Qualifying higher education programs are limited to associate's degree, trade school, undergraduate degree.
- Winners may accept other college scholarship assistance in addition to The Irene Todd Scholarship.
- If the winner suffers a serious illness, the scholarship will be held for one year.
- If unusual conditions require an interruption in schooling, the recipient must state the reason(s) in writing to the Scholarship Committee and request the scholarship be temporarily held.
- If a member of the Scholarship Committee is related to an applicant who is applying for the scholarship, the committee member must remove themselves from the selection process for that year.

Terms of Awards

- The Scholarship Committee will award one \$1,500 Irene Todd Scholarship Award per year.
- Winners are judged based on a complete application packet.
- Decisions of the Committee are final.
- An award recipient can reapply for a second year.
- Award money will be given by check to the recipient.
- All applications will be held in strict confidence.
- The scholarship is to be repaid in the event the semester is not completed.
- The 2024-2025 Scholarship Committee members are: Rev. Jack Steltzer, Lorraine Goff, Michelle Curry, Patricia Nelson, Carol Henn and Arthur Smith.

Rubric for selection:

- 35% Academic qualifications
- 35% Financial need
- 15% Overall application (including letters of reference)
- 10% Essay
- 5% Extra-curricular, community, church, school activities

Application Process:

- Application packet must be received by April 30, 2025. The application packet consists of:
 - Completed application form
 - Essay
 - List of church, synagogue, mosque and/or community service you are active in currently
 - Official transcript of your high school grades
 - Tax Information
 - References (forwarded by them)
- Incomplete application packets will not be considered.
- All applications will be reviewed by May 31, 2025.
- Scholarship will be awarded in June of 2025.

Send complete application packet to:

The Dr. Irene E. Todd Scholarship Committee
Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
1705 W. Broad Street
Bethlehem, PA 18018

Or

Via Email: leigh@btrosemont.org

Dr. Irene E. Todd Scholarship Application
Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church at Rosemont
1705 W Broad St
Bethlehem PA 18018
610-867-3705
Leigh@btrosemont.org

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Financial Aid Information

1. Please include a copy of the first page of your parents' or guardians' 1040 Federal Income Tax Form. Black out all social security numbers.
2. List Siblings' Names

_____ Currently attending college? Yes/No (circle one)

_____ Currently attending college? Yes/No (circle one)

_____ Currently attending college? Yes/No (circle one)

_____ Currently attending college? Yes/No (circle one)

3. Optional Statement: On a separate sheet, in your own words, explain your reasons for applying for this scholarship and how the money would aid your college education. An explanation of extenuating circumstances or undue hardship may be included (excessive medical expenses, unexpected unemployment, etc.).

References

Please have two reference letters sent from two of the following areas: clergy, academic, employer, and personal. We must receive all letters of reference no later than April 30, 2025. Indicate the name, phone number and relationship of the references to you below.

Clergy _____

Academic _____

Employer _____

Personal _____

I declare the above to be true. If awarded the Dr. Irene Todd Scholarship, I will use it as outlined in the Regulations. Application and letters are confidential and property of Blessed Trinity at Rosemont.

Signature _____ Date _____

Irene Todd Scholarship Application Checklist

Use this checklist to make sure that your application is complete.
This is the order you need to put the pages of your application in.

- _____ 1. Completed Application (including signature and date)
- _____ 2. Federal Tax form first page (social security #s blacked out)
- _____ 3. Two letters of reference (unless sent directly to the church)
- _____ 4. Official transcript of high school grades
- _____ 5. Your essay of 300-500 words
- _____ 6. Your statement concerning service to the church and/or the community. List activities plus leaders/supervisors.
- _____ 7. A copy of your college acceptance letter (high school students)
College students submit a copy of current grades.