

Crain Scholarship Fund Rules (April 9, 2011)

Eligibility

1.01 Applicants must have participated in any Lutheran Sports Association of Illinois (LSA) STATE event. Participation in an event consists of being a player, coach, manager, or statistician noted in a program book or scorebook. STATE events do not include play-in games for volleyball and basketball.

1.02 The applicant must attend a Lutheran university regardless of synodical affiliation. The applicant must be a full time student as an undergraduate or in post graduate studies.

1.03 Applications can be found on the LSA website. Applications must be postmarked by July 1st or January 2nd in order to be considered for the scholarship at the designated Board vote. If either date falls on a Sunday, an extra day will be given for postmark date.

1.04 Families of LSA Board of Directors are eligible for the Crain Scholarship. However, Board members involved will not be eligible to vote or participate in the selection process for the gender of the applicant.

1.05 Current LSA Board Members not eligible for the Crain Scholarship.

1.06 An applicant may only win the award once in their lifetime.

Application

2.01 Each application must be completely filled out with parental signature (if applicable).

2.02 Each application shall include an essay on their LSA STATE experience. In the essay, the event(s) and year(s) participated in shall be mentioned.

2.03 Each application must have a minimum of two letters of recommendation. One letter shall be from a church or school worker (ie, teacher, pastor, youth leader). The other shall be a letter of recommendation. Neither shall be from a family member, or a current LSA Board Member.

2.04 More than two letters of recommendation can be submitted as long as the two requirements in 2.03 are fulfilled.

2.05 The activities and educational plans may be typed or handwritten in the application. A separate page is acceptable.

2.06 Applicants shall be eligible for the award until graduation or transferred to a non-Lutheran university.

Selection Process

3.01 Winner of the Crain Scholarship Fund will be decided by a vote of the Board of Directors of the LSA.

3.02 The LSA shall use essays, activities, educational goals, letters of recommendation, year of graduation and financial needs as a basis of selection. The LSA shall weigh each factor as the Board sees fit.

3.03 The LSA shall not use field of study, past LSA performance, or grade point average as a basis of selection. The LSA will not factor race, creed, religion, synodical or school affiliation.

Award

4.01 There shall be a Mens' and Womens' division.

4.02 The LSA shall award up to two scholarships in each division in an academic year.

4.03 The scholarship will be awarded in the form of a check to the winning applicant. The amount of the scholarship will be set by the LSA Board of Directors. Scholarships shall be equally paid out to the winning applicants at designated voting time.

4.04 Applicants who applied for the scholarship are automatically applied for the selection vote. The LSA may, at its discretion, ask for confirmation the applicant is a full time student at their Lutheran university.

4.05 The LSA reserves the right to change the amount of scholarships given out and amount of money awarded at their discretion.