



## Inspirational Legacy

In June 1990, the women of our district gathered in Austin for a very special convention! We celebrated LWML Texas District's 50th anniversary and furthered our organization's legacy in a new way by establishing the Scholarship Endowment. Why an endowment? Because endowments allow us to give bigger!

The Scholarship Endowment began with a convention offering of \$1,877.83. Over the next 34 years, that amount was added to through immediate and planned gifts from our members. Since 1992, the Scholarship Endowment has awarded 115 scholarships totaling \$116,825 to Texas women pursuing degrees to become LCMS church workers. Through our combined effort in growing this endowment, we can increase the amount each recipient receives, blessing our future called workers before they even graduate.

How does almost \$2,000 become over \$100,000 in funding? Every gift made to our endowments become part of the invested principal. A gift to the Scholarship Endowment isn't a one-time contribution, but a perpetual gift that will bless generations of young women. Gifting today truly blesses tomorrow!

***"Being awarded the scholarship is a great gift and I am thankful to be one of the students selected. By rewarding me with the scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden, which allows me to focus more on the most important aspect of school: learning. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help students achieve their goals just as you have helped me. Thank you very much once again! Praying for the work that you do and those you serve."***

Abigail Velten, 2024–2025 Recipient

How can you participate in ***Gifting Today to Bless Tomorrow***? Visit our endowment pages at [lwmltxdist.org/endowments](http://lwmltxdist.org/endowments) to learn more!



## IT'S TIME TO APPLY!

Do you know of a female member of your Texas District congregation studying to become an LCMS fulltime professional church worker at an LCMS college or university? If so, it's time to encourage her to apply for a Texas District LWML scholarship for the 2025-2026 school year! For eligibility requirements and to apply, visit [lwmltxdist.org](http://lwmltxdist.org). Go to "Committees," choose "Scholarships" from the drop-down menu, and download the 2025 scholarship application packet. For more information, contact Michelle Heckmann, Scholarship Committee chairman, at [scholarship@lwmltxdist.org](mailto:scholarship@lwmltxdist.org). Completed application packets must be sent or emailed to Michelle, time-stamped or postmarked, by March 31.

### 2024-2026 Mite Goal: \$403,000

Mites received through August 31: \$61,318.70  
(\$341,681.30 still needed)

Mission Grants paid through August 31: \$38,657

**Send your mite offerings** along with a remittance form to:  
LWML Texas District  
Attn: Alissa Elley, Financial Secretary  
PO Box 183  
Seguin, TX 78456

### 2024-2026 Mission Grant Recipient Hereford Hispanic Outreach, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hereford

This thank you was received by the LWML Texas District VP of Gospel Outreach, Patti Samsel, on September 7.

"We were totally blown away to be the recipients of the first partial mission grant of the new biennium! What a blessing! Kelly Bernhardt, LWML Texas District VP of Communication, presented the check at the Sunday service at Prince of Peace in Amarillo. The company we had already contacted earlier was able to install the air conditioner that week. And last Saturday, for the first time in many years, we worshipped in cool comfort!

That was a blessing for those in attendance—but an even greater blessing was the impact on the emerging Hispanic ministry. Rev. Lincon Guerra brought a prospective Hispanic mission developer to visit Hereford that week. We believe he was impressed that we were getting the facility ready for the many doors God is opening for Hispanic ministry.

Our gratitude and love to the women of the LWML Texas District for partnering with us in this effort! To God be the glory!"