

# Lutheran schools to award \$415,000 in scholarships for 2017-18 school year

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ST. LOUIS, MO – The St. Louis-based [Lutheran Elementary School Association](#) has allocated **\$415,000** in funding for **need-based scholarships** for the **2017-18** school year.

The assistance, which is administered through LESA's Building Blocks Scholarship Program, will benefit students at **eight Lutheran schools in Illinois**, including Good Shepherd and Holy Cross in **Collinsville**; Unity Lutheran Christian in **East St. Louis**;

Trinity Lutheran in **Edwardsville**; St. John's in **Red Bud**; St. Paul's in **Troy**; and Zion Lutheran schools in **Bethalto** and **Belleville**.

The application and award process for the 2017-18 school year is underway and will continue throughout the summer until the funds are exhausted. The assistance is available to **students of all faiths** in grades K-8. Last year, **1 out of 8** children attending a LESA school received assistance from Building Blocks.

"We give thanks to God and to our many donors and long-time supporters who help make tuition assistance possible for so many families in our community," said **Sue Nahmensen, CEO of LESA**.



Financial support for Building Blocks is provided by LESA's major fundraising events, including "**Brew in the Lou**" at **Francis Park**, scheduled for **Oct. 14, 2017**, and LESA's annual dinner-auction "A Night for Kids", held in April. Donors can also support students through named endowments that designate funds for a specific use, such as scholarships. To learn about the numerous options available for supporting Lutheran school students, contact Katherine Auble, LESA's Director of Fund Development and Marketing, at [\(314\) 200-0797](tel:3142000797), or [kauble@lesastl.org](mailto:kauble@lesastl.org).

More than **9,000 children** attend LESA member Lutheran schools in the St. Louis Metro Area, making Lutheran schools the **second-largest private school system** in the Bi-State area. A Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, LESA represents **35 elementary schools** and **four high schools** - including four **National Blue Ribbon Schools** - and five related agencies. For more information and a list of member schools, visit [www.LESAstl.org](http://www.LESAstl.org).