

Grand Canyon Synod Women Scholarship Programs

Our scholarship programs are wonderful ways for women, especially our younger women (ages 18-40), to discover what the Women of the ELCA is all about. These women spend their time at our Convention/Gathering learning about the programs and activities of the Women of the ELCA. They are expected to fully participate in the event they attend. More importantly, they make connections with women who are active and love our organization, in order that they can establish supportive relationships and become involved in the Women of the ELCA at their local level.

Our scholarship women are the future of our organization! We fund their scholarships from our

gifts and fund-raising activities, including Silent Auctions.

We have several scholarship opportunities. Some cover the cost of the registration, event meals and housing expenses. Others cover the cost of the registration and event meals only. Scholarship participants are required to fund the cost of their transportation unless it is generously provided by a conference or their local congregation.

The number of scholarships are limited and may have geographical consideration when determined. A member of the Grand Canyon Synod Women oversees the Scholarship application and selection process.

Today's Katie Scholarship: This is an opportunity for four (4) women, age 18-30, who have not attended a Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA convention/gathering. The scholarship covers the registration fee, including convention meals. Four young women are offered the scholarship based on the geographical areas of our synod: North (Colorado River and High Country); South (Kino); East (Fiesta, Northeast Valley and Rio Salado) and West (Cactus and Capital). Recipients are chosen based on their leadership potential and their participation in their church and community. These four scholarships are funded by the Grand Canyon Synod Women's Organization through its budgeting process.

June Klar Scholarship: This scholarship was established to honor June Klar, the first president of the Grand Canyon Synod Women of the ELCA. She had a passion for helping young women and trying to promote their involvement in the Women of the ELCA. This scholarship is offered to one (1) (or two, depending on funds availability) young woman who is under the age of 40, is active in her church and/or community and has never before attended a Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA convention/gathering. The scholarship covers the registration fee, including event meals and is funded by the Grand Canyon Synod Women's Organization through its budgeting process and through gifts to the June Klar scholarship fund.

Conference Scholarship: Each of the eight (8) conferences within our Grand Canyon Synod may offer a scholarship to one (1) or more women within their conference. These scholarships are intended to encourage more women to attend and participate in our convention/gathering, especially women attending for the first time. Each scholarship covers the cost of registration and event meals.

Conference Diversity Scholarship: This scholarship was adopted at the 19th annual convention of the Grand Canyon Women of the ELCA and is offered to women of color and/or whose primary language is other than English. Scholarships may be offered by our eight conferences. This scholarship is intended to encourage more women of color and/or whose primary language is other than English to attend the annual convention/gathering. Each scholarship covers the cost of registration and event meals.

Lea Begay Mission and Outreach Scholarships: To honor the legacy of Lea Begay and her work with the Navajo Lutheran Mission, the Grand Canyon Synod Women's board will set aside designated monies to be used to encourage attendance for women in congregations who are a mission focus of our synod women.