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## **Scholarships for Outstanding Students in Physics**

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and its Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities are pleased to announce the opening of the Rossing Scholarships in Physics competition for the 2019 - 2020 academic year. Thanks to generous gifts from Dr. Thomas D. Rossing, which established The Rossing Fund for Physics Education Endowment, outstanding students of physics may apply for competitive scholarships of up to \$10,000. Interested students are invited to apply for awards for the 2019-2020 academic year. Eligibility and application requirements are set forth below.

### Eligibility

Applicants must be enrolled in an ELCA or ELCIC-related college or university, must be currently classified by their college or university as a sophomore or junior, must have declared their intention to graduate with a major in physics, and must have completed at least one course in physics at that college or university. A student who received an award as a sophomore may apply again by submitting a complete application.

### Application Requirements for 2019 - 2020 Awards

The applicant must submit:

- A letter that (1) addresses his/her interest in and experience with the study of physics; (2) describes current plans for his/her academic and vocational future; (3) states when s/he expects to graduate, and (4) provides full contact information, including summer 2018 contact information; and,
- Two letters of recommendation, one by a physics professor and one by another professor of physics, a professor of another natural science, or a mathematics professor; and,
- An official copy of the student's transcript that includes all grades through at least December 2018.

Applications must be postmarked by February 11, 2019, to guarantee full consideration.

### Advice for Applicants and Recommenders

Applicants and the recommenders should be aware that the members of the awards committee are knowledgeable in physics. Applications should therefore be specific in describing an applicant's interest and work in physics, such as personal motivations, meaningful experiences, creative contributions to courses, independent study, or research projects. Evidence of breadth of accomplishment outside of physics is also considered. Letters of recommendation should address these criteria in offering a broad description of the applicant.

If a college or university has more than one applicant, the chair of the physics department of that institution is asked to rank order the candidates, using the criteria in the "advice" paragraph as a guide.

Application materials should be submitted to:

Melinda Valverde  
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Applicants are urged to contact Ms. Valverde by telephone (800/638-3522, x2874) to confirm proper receipt of materials. Awards will be announced as soon as possible after the application deadlines. Notice of award decisions will be sent to all applicants, writers of recommendation letters, and all ELCA college and university physics departments.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Beginning with this application period, applicants for the 2019-2020 Rossing Physics Scholarships will be required to set up an online profile in our newly implemented grant management software, FLUXX. Instructions and further information will be sent to applicants as their application materials are received.