**Paul H. Neff Youth Scholarship Fund**

 ***The Paul H. Neff Scholarship Fund has been created to give financial assistance to youth experiencing economic hardship for the purpose of attending a youth faith formation event of Grace Lutheran Church.***

Scholarships from this fund may be applied towards the ELCA Youth Gathering, the annual Youth Retreat (currently known as Tuscarora), and youth work trips.

Scholarships will be awarded by the Grace Scholarship Board and in consultation with the pastor. A submitted application does not guarantee a scholarship. A completed scholarship application must be received by the Youth Director *at least 30 days prior to Grace Lutheran Church’s registration deadline for that event*. Late applications will not receive consideration.

Applications of nonmembers will be considered only if they are currently active in worship or youth activities at Grace Lutheran Church.

Scholarships will be granted for not more than 2/3 of the cost of the event. Families are responsible for at least 1/3 of the cost of the event. (including registration fee, transportation and lodging costs) . The actual amount awarded is not guaranteed and will depend upon the number and needs of applicants.

Scholarship recipients agree to attend and participate in ALL meetings in preparation for the event.

Recipients will be informed of the amount of the scholarship awarded one week prior to the registration deadline for the event.

**Paul H. Neff Youth Scholarship Fund Application**

(Please use the back for additional space on any questions.)

**Name of applicant**:

**Address:**

**Phone: Email:**

**Event**: Youth Retreat (Harvey Cedars) Youth Work Trip ELCA Youth Gathering

(Please circle one)

**Please explain the need for this scholarship:**

**How much funding are you requesting?**

**In what ways does the applicant participate at Grace?**

**What are the reasons you wish to attend this specific event?**

I understand and agree to the conditions of this application.

**Student signature**:  **Parent signature:**

**Application due (to be filled out by Youth Director):**