

# Dare to Be Lutheran! Essay Competition

This essay competition is intended to subsidize the entire or partial cost of attendance at a Higher Things conference for youth requiring financial assistance. "Youth" is defined as someone who has not yet graduated from high school and is 18 years old or younger. Please also first ask your local congregation for any assistance. Many congregations support their youth by helping with conference fees. All HT registration rules still apply.

- 1) Already registered for a conference? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no
- 2) Which conference location do you plan to attend? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) If the request exceeds \$100, please include a non-family reference from your local congregation stating why they are unable to help support you financially. This can be from your pastor or youth leader. The maximum request is \$355.
- 4) Please explain the specific reason for the financial aid below the request amount.
- 5) Return this completed form, letter of reference, and your essay to [scholarships@higherthings.org](mailto:scholarships@higherthings.org) or mail to Higher Things Essay Contest, PO Box 155, Holt, MO 64048.

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ HS Grad Year \_\_\_\_\_

Home Congregation \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Reference (If request is greater than \$100, provide name, email and phone):

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Amount of Request \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Explanation for request:

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**Essay Instructions:** On a separate sheet, in approximately 500 words, explain why it is important to you that you attend a Higher Things Conference next summer. Higher Things reserves the right to share your essay on the Higher Things website, social media, and/or in print.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_