

COST for the LDA Education/Formation Process:



Did you know that the LDA spends nearly \$6,000 on each student each year? The education/formation process is expensive! And it is a high-quality process that will open many doors for you and will introduce you to many resources.

How much money will you need to finish the LDA's education/formation process? The answer depends on what you bring to the process upon admission.

The LDA wants to encourage students to complete the education and formation process. **DON'T LET MONEY BE A BARRIER!** You have come this far by faith. Have courage, then, for the rest of the journey.

The LDA does not receive financial support from any church body.

We rely on donations from individuals and congregations who care about faith and service in Christ, and who want to help to train students for servant leadership.

The LDA's efforts to raise money may reduce education and formation costs in the future.

A MINIMUM OF \$500 MUST BE PAID DURING THE ORIENTATION RETREAT

The LDA has pledged to assist students with financial need – committed to offering up to ½ of the basic fee and ½ of the annual fees each year. However, scholarships will depend on the LDA's financial position. So far, we are making it happen for each student.

The LDA wants to give YOU ideas to help YOU raise scholarship funds for your education and formation process.

Whom did you ask for financial support?

RESOURCES:

- Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (supplemental funds if you do a fun-draiser!)
- Congregations
- LWML (ask your district)
- WELCA
- Deaconesses
- Valparaiso University
- The Lutheran Deaconess Association

For more ideas, contact the LDA!

Some mission trips last a few short months. Participants are asked to raise \$2,000 - \$3,000, just for basic costs. The LDA's education/formation process to become a deaconess lasts several years, leading to a lifetime of service in a variety of ministries. This is a high-quality process that will open doors for you, and introduce you to many resources. It's worth it.

Summer camps... \$1,000
Spring break trips... \$2,000
Studying abroad... \$3,000
Becoming a deaconess...

PRICELESS!

What does this mean for students?

Item	Cost	Possible scholarships
Application fee	\$25	
Vocational-Psychological testing. Costs have varied from \$300 - \$900. Contact the LDA for ideas on testing resources. (VU charges \$400.)	\$400	\$300 (VU students only)
Basic fee. The LDA is committed to giving scholarships to each student for ½ of this fee. So far, we have enough.	\$5,000	\$2,500 (from LDA, if you ask)
Year one fee. The LDA is committed to giving scholarships to each student for ½ of this fee. So far, we have enough.	\$2,500	\$1,250 (from LDA, if you ask)
Year two fee. The LDA is committed to giving scholarships to each student for ½ of this fee. So far, we have enough.	\$2,500	\$1,250 (from LDA, if you ask)
Year three fee. The LDA is committed to giving scholarships to each student for ½ of this fee. So far, we have enough. (If your journey needs to last another year or two, there will be additional fees.)	\$2,500	\$1,250 (from LDA, if you ask)
Theology of Diaconal Ministry course. Certificate only. Cost is \$250. (If you are a VU student, you can take this course as part of your tuition.)	\$250	
Tuition for any required theology courses – costs vary, depending on where you take the classes.		\$500 scholarship granted by VU for VU students
CPE. Official CPE sites can be found in many hospitals in major cities around the country. The cost is typically around \$500 for the course. (If you are a VU student, you can take this course as part of your tuition.)	\$500	
Cost for orientation and annual seminars. (Attendance is required during each year you are in formation. About \$300 covers a motel room (with roommate) and several meals. It does not include your travel cost.) You'll have to come at least three times. (Travel is extra.)	\$900 – for a minimum of 3 retreats	
Lutheran Deaconess Conference's annual meeting. Your attendance is required, as part of your formation. The LDC tries to keep costs as low as possible so that all deaconesses may attend. Registration is often about \$400 per event. Travel costs are extra.	\$1200 estimate for 3 conferences.	
The LDA can work on a payment plan with you.		
Regardless of how the money comes in, the LDA asks that students plan to bring at least \$500 to the orientation seminar as a deposit. Many students pay the full amount during the orientation seminar.		
	Cost	Possible scholarships from LDA
Totals:	\$15,775	\$6,250
Bottom line cost for LDA Education/Formation: (for three years in formation – some students take 2 or 4 years)	\$9,525	
Valparaiso University gives scholarships of \$500 per semester to deaconess students who study at VU.		