



THE SENNEY HONORS ACADEMY at LUTHERAN WEST

The Senney Honors Academy at Lutheran West presents a rigorous curriculum to students wishing to grow academically, spiritually, and as leaders during their high school years. Students will enjoy a curriculum that enables them to dialogue with some of the area's most successful leaders, develop a vast array of analytical thinking skills, achieve strong standardized test scores, and prepare for success at the collegiate level.

The program consists of three core focus areas: Academic Leadership, Leadership in Service to Others, and Growing as Christian Leaders. The activities and requirements in the program support each of these focus areas.

As a member of the SHA, you will also have access to early college planning and preparation, including a College Tour each year. Additionally, you will have the opportunity to serve others in a meaningful way through SHA sponsored service activities. The Senney Honors Academy ensures that students become leaders in their communities by enabling them to serve with a variety of local and national organizations.

Interested students should review the application requirements below.

The Senney Honors Academy application will be complete when the following has been met:

- ☐ Lutheran West Application submitted (waived for current LW students)
- ☐ Senney Honors Academy Essay Questions submitted by **Friday, January 9, 2026.**
- ☐ Attend the Group Interview Day on **Wednesday, January 21st from 4-6 pm** at Lutheran West.
- ☐ Teacher Letter of Recommendation submitted to rslack@lutheranwest.com. Letters of Recommendation should speak to the student's ability to handle rigorous coursework and engage with the service and leadership components of the program. There is not a required format for this letter.

Essay Questions. Respond to 2 of the following prompts on a separate document.

1. Tell me about a time you set difficult goals and how you went about achieving them.
2. Please tell me about a gift, given or received, that was particularly meaningful to you.
3. What's your favorite word and why?
4. What is the best piece of advice you have received while in middle school?
5. How would your friends describe you?

Essays should be emailed to Dean Becky Slack at rslack@lutheranwest.com by Friday, January 9, 2026.

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance in The Senney Honors Academy via mail within two weeks of the Group Interview Day. Additionally, two students will be selected to receive The Senney Presidential Scholarship, a \$2,500 annually renewable award. The recipients must remain enrolled in The Senney Honors Academy to receive this scholarship.

Families with questions regarding The Senney Honors Academy should contact Becky Slack at rslack@lutheranwest.com or 440-799-8334.