

St. Joseph Parish Scholarship Application Form



Each year, our parish and parish organizations award scholarships to high school seniors who plan to enter college in the fall. If you meet the criteria below and wish to apply for a scholarship, please complete **ALL** of the information at the end of this form.

Basic qualifications - You must be:

1. **A high school senior accepted to college in the fall.**
2. **A St. Joseph parishioner** (except in the case of children of St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus members who are parishioners elsewhere).
3. **A Practicing Catholic** – i.e., you must attend mass and the sacraments regularly.
 - The Pastor of St. Joseph Church will make the determination about whether or not you meet the Practicing Catholic requirement.
 - In the event you do not attend mass at St. Joseph Church, e.g., in the case of a student in a boarding high school, or you are the child of a Knight of Columbus who is not a St. Joseph parishioner, your local pastor will have to attest to the your participation at mass and the sacraments.

Additional consideration will be given to students based upon:

- **Academic achievement** (must supply copy of Junior year final report card or report from school showing class rank & GPA and any advanced placement coursework completed);
- **Active in parish organizations or ministries;**
- **Active in community volunteer groups;**
- **Active in extracurricular school activities;**
- **Financial need**

Essay Required:

- You must submit a simple 200-300 word essay describing:
 - a) **What your Catholic faith means to you,** and
 - b) **How you plan to continue to practice your faith in college.**
- You will have the option to describe your financial needs or other circumstances for consideration.

The amounts of the individual scholarships to be awarded will not be publicized in advance and will depend upon the number of successful applicants.

To apply for a parish scholarship, complete the information on the following page and submit that page along with supportive documentation concerning your high school record and parish information.

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Please complete ALL information.

Your Name: _____ Date of Application: ___/___/___

Your Parent(s) Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Parent's E-Mail address: _____@_____

Your High School's Name: _____

I am a Practicing Catholic and a parishioner of:

- St. Joseph Church, High Bridge, New Jersey
- Another parish (Only sons or daughters of members of St. Joseph Council Knights of Columbus who are not St. Joseph parishioners qualify for a scholarship)

Other Parish Name: _____

Address: _____

Important: If you practice your Faith at a church other than St. Joseph Church, High Bridge, you must submit a simple statement from the Pastor of that church attesting that you participate at mass and the sacraments at that church. ***Please attach that to your application.***

I am active in the following parish organizations/ministries: _____

I am active in the following community volunteer groups: _____

I am active in the following extracurricular school activities: _____

Essay: Please prepare a 200-300 word essay describing:

- a) ***What your Catholic faith means to you,*** and
- b) ***How you plan to continue to practice your faith in college.***

(Type or print the essay and attach it to this Application Form.)

College I plan to attend: _____ **Major (if known:)** _____

Other Consideration: Please describe your financial need or other information that will assist the selection committee in making a determination about your application. ***All information provided will be considered private.***

Submit completed application with a copy of your junior year final report card or a report from your school showing class rank & GPA and any advanced placement coursework completed to St. Joseph Church Scholarship Committee, 59 Main St. High Bridge, NJ 08829. If you practice your Faith at another church, include a letter attesting to that with your application.

Incomplete applications will be rejected. Use an additional page, if necessary.

Important – all submissions must be received before May 1.