

St. Joe's Reps Scholarship Application

The St. Joe's Reps will award eligible individuals a scholarship to further his or her education at an accredited post-secondary institution. The Scholarship Committee will be looking for well-rounded individuals and will consider the applicant's leadership, accomplishments or awards, and future goals as well as a strong emphasis on financial need and involvement in church, school and community activities.

Eligibility:

- Registered member of the Catholic Community of St. Joseph.
- Will have a high school diploma or GED by fall of 2018
- Will be attending an accredited post-secondary institution.
- Involved in parish, school and community activities.
- Award must be used for the upcoming academic year – 2018-2019.
- This scholarship is open to any course of study and includes adult learners.
- Those who have previously received a monetary scholarship from St. Joseph's are not eligible.

What to Submit

- A completed application (typed or written)
- Three letters of recommendation

Letters of Recommendation

Three letters of recommendation must be included. These references should know you personally and attest to your character and other pertinent information. One needs to be from a St. Joseph staff member and another from a teacher or someone who can speak about your academic abilities. The third, a person of your choice, may not be a relative. Please give the accompanying letter to each of your references. *To ensure confidentiality, ask your references to use your four-digit birthday date (for example, January 12 would be 0112) on your application, not your name.*

Applicant ID Number. Applications will be processed anonymously by the Scholarship Committee. Therefore, the *only* place your name should appear is on the first page of the application. On all other forms you will be identified by your "applicant ID number", which is your four-digit birthday date (see above).

Scholarships awarded in the spring must be used for the following academic year. A check made payable to the designated school will be issued in June 2018. The amount for each scholarship may vary. Past scholarships have ranged from \$500-\$1000 each.

Limitations: No person may receive more than one monetary award from St. Joseph's. A current list of those who have been awarded scholarships is kept on file.

The Scholarship Committee has the final decision when awarding scholarships.

Each Scholarship application will be evaluated based on a weighted scoring rubric. The percentages are:

Participation in Parish Activities (20% of total score)

Participation in School/Community Activities (20%)

Leadership (10%)

Content of Reference Letters (10%)

Statement of Need (20%)

Accomplishments/Awards (10%)

Statement of Future Goals (10%)

Deadline: March 12, 4pm

Applications received after March 12 will not be considered.

**St. Joe's Reps
Post-Secondary Scholarship Application**

Applicant ID Number (Four-digit birthday date): _____

Please print in black ink or type

Name: _____
 First Middle Last

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home phone number: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

I do hereby certify that all information provided by me is true and accurate.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____



Return Application and Reference Letters in one package to:

St. Joseph's Reps Scholarship Committee
Catholic Community of St. Joseph
8701 36th Avenue North
New Hope, MN 55427

Questions:

Contact Pat Goetz at (763) 544-3352, ext. 114 or Erin Schueller at ext. 139.

Applications must be submitted to the Parish Office by 4:00 pm on March 12, 2018.

Scholarship recipients will be contacted no later than May 5, 2018dd.

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the parish weekend liturgies, including the 6 pm Mass, in late May/early June.

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Applicant ID Number (Four-digit birthday date): _____

Please use an additional sheet of paper, if necessary.

1. Current High School or College: _____

2. Name and address of the school(s) where you have been accepted/applied:

College/Institution	City	State	Applied/Accepted?
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

3. What is your planned area of study? _____

4. What is the length of your program? ____ 4-5 years ____ 2 years

5. Date program began or begins: _____

6. Expected date of completion: _____

7. Will you be a full time student? ____ Yes ____ No
If no, how many credits do you plan to take each semester? _____

8. List previous post-high school education, if applicable:

<u>School</u>	<u>Years Completed</u>	<u>Degree Received</u>
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9. Please list special accomplishments and/or awards that you have received:

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10. Explain why you have decided to enter/re-enter school.

11. **Statement of Need.** 20% of an applicant's score for awarding the scholarships is based on financial need. Are there any special circumstances that the committee should consider when evaluating your financial need?

12. Please attach a double-spaced, two page maximum letter to the Scholarship Committee. Include participation in parish, school and community activities, your work experience (if applicable) and your future goals and career plan.

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13. For your application to be considered, you must submit 3 letters of recommendation (not from family members). These letters should validate your experiences. At least one letter should be from a staff member from St. Joseph's and one letter should be from a teacher or someone who can speak on your academic abilities.

Reference Name, Title or Relationship to Applicant, and Phone Number

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

- Letters should be submitted either on the forms provided or on their own letterhead.
- One letter must be from a staff member of the Catholic Community of St. Joseph.
- One letter must be from a teacher or someone who can speak on your academic abilities.
- Forms can be photocopied if needed.
- You may wish to provide your letter writer with a list of your accomplishments or special projects that you have completed. Your reference can discuss and give examples of your strengths. For example: leadership, diligence, compassion, honors student, captain of the extracurricular team, writing an "A" research paper. Even attempting a goal and not reaching it can be a learning experience!

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REFERENCE LETTER

DIRECTIONS:

Please use the **reverse side of this form** or your own letterhead when writing the letter of recommendation. Please use additional blank pages as necessary.

The Scholarship Committee will conduct a blind review of each application.

Instead of using the applicant's name, we ask that you use the Applicant Identity Number (a four-digit birthday date) as provided here:

Applicant Identity Number:

The Scholarship Committee seeks a well-rounded applicant for their scholarship. We are interested in your experience with and knowledge of this applicant and his or her activities in the parish, school or community. Please give an example or two of the applicant's strengths, experience or outstanding activities.

Please return the letter of recommendation to the applicant or mail to:

St. Joe's Rep Scholarship Committee
Catholic Community of St. Joseph
8701 36th Ave. North
New Hope, MN 55427

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Applicant ID Number: _____

Date: _____

Person Writing the Letter: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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