

St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship

Purpose of the scholarship:

The purpose of the scholarship is to recognize and assist a high-school senior who is a member of St. John Maron Church who has contributed to the parish and also has academic and community strengths.

Sponsorship

The St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship is jointly sponsored by the Holy Name Society and the Altar and Rosary Society.

Number and Amount of Scholarships

Each year \$2000 will be made available to fund two \$1000 scholarships.

In case of applicants with equal, or nearly equal, evaluations, the award committee will have the prerogative of dividing the award equally among those applicants. This may result in awards to more than two students. For each recipient this is a one-time, non-renewable award. The committee may award only one, or no, scholarship in a given year, depending on the qualifications of the applicants.

Announcement of the Scholarship

The scholarship, guidelines, and process for the application will be announced from the pulpit, in the church bulletin, and on the church website. Hard copies of the scholarship information will be available in the church rectory. This announcement will be made in September and periodically until the deadline of April 1.

Criteria for Eligibility

The applicant must:

1. be a high-school senior;
2. be a registered member of St. John Maron Parish whose parents (or legal guardians) are members of the parish;
3. worship regularly at St. John Maron's and participate in parish activities;
4. have academic or community strengths.

Application Deadline

The deadline for the application material will be April 1. In fairness to all applicants, no applications will be considered after April 1.

Application Process

The student may obtain an application on line at the St. John Maron Website or from the rectory (pastor). Applications are also available in the bulletin racks near the church entrances.

The student will submit the completed application to the rectory (pastor).

The student must submit the completed scholarship application by the stated deadline (April 1) accompanied by:

1. a copy of the high school transcript, reflecting work completed through January 31st;
2. a copy of the SAT or ACT score report, reflecting results as of January 31st;
3. two letters of recommendation (e.g. teacher, guidance counselor, employer, mentor, etc.).

Scholarship Presentation

The scholarship will be presented at the annual Parish Award ceremony in June.

Scholarship Committee

The scholarship committee will consist of a representative from the Holy Name Society, a representative from the Altar and Rosary Society, and three members-at-large (two parishioners and one outside professional). The three members-at-large will be selected by the pastor for one-year appointments. Using a "blind application" procedure, the committee will review all applications and make the final selection(s). This will ensure privacy and objectivity for the applicants. The student's name will be deleted from all material submitted. The pastor will prepare the "blind application" prior to the selection process.

***St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship
Funding and Selection Committee***

FUNDING THE SCHOLARSHIP

Each year the Holy Name Society and the Altar and Rosary Society will provide funds to support the St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship.

Monies can also be donated to the Scholarship Fund in memory of a deceased family member of St. John Maron Church.

SELECTION COMMITTEE

Membership

- One representative from the Holy Name Society
- One representative from the Altar and Rosary Society
- Three members-at-large

Representatives will be selected annually by the respective societies and the pastor.

Duties of the Committee

- The committee will meet annually in April to review the scholarship applications.
- The committee will select a chairperson for the year's activity from among its members.
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- The committee will be given blind applications to evaluate. This will insure privacy and objectivity for the applicants. The students' names will be deleted from all materials submitted. The pastor will prepare the blind applications prior to the selection process.
- The committee will review each applicant's high school transcript, SAT and/or ACT score results, two letters of recommendation, and the four application questions.

Evaluation Process

- The committee will use a rating scale to evaluate the applications. The scale will be used to quantify a score for the seven areas: (1) the high school transcript, (2) the SAT and/or ACT score results, (3) the two letters of recommendation, and (4-7) the four questions in the application.
- The committee will rate each area on a scale of 1 (low) to 10 (high). Each applicant's final score will be the total of the seven area ratings, with a maximum possible score of 70.
- Tallying of the ratings will be handled by the committee members.
- In case of tie(s), the merit college scholarship will be divided equally.

Method of Evaluation

- The first question, which includes a listing of parish, school, and community activities, will be reviewed in light of the
 - number of activities in each of the three areas
 - types of activities
 - length of participation in the activities
 - leadership role(s) in the activities
 - kinds of honors and special recognitions received
- The response to the third question will be evaluated subjectively, considering the extent and effectiveness of the applicant's discipleship.
- The fourth question, which includes prospective college study and aspirations for a five-year period, will show the student's potential to be a visionary, creative and effective in his field.
- The high school transcript, the GPA, the types of courses studied (e.g., AP courses, electives), the SAT score and/or the ACT score will provide the committee with objective criteria for evaluation. Current SAT and ACT standards will be provided to the committee each year.
- The two letters of recommendation will be considered in light of the specific strengths of the applicant in areas such as academics; athletics; school, parish, and community activities; and, possibly, participation in the work force.
- Committee members will consider grammar, punctuation, and well-defined and specific goals.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION

Welcome to the process of applying for the St. John Maron College Merit Scholarship. We have attempted to make it as painless as possible while still maintaining the value and integrity of the procedure. Make sure that you understand the materials and the questions; then tell us what we should know about you.

Your packet should include the following sections: “St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship,” “St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship Funding and Selection Committee,” and “Application for the St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship” (cover sheet and question sheet). These are available in printed form at the entrances to the church, and on the St. John Maron website at www.stjohnmaron.org.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

1. As soon as possible, contact the appropriate people to obtain your transcript(s), SAT and/or ACT test score(s), and letters of recommendation. These contacts should be made early to allow sufficient response time.
2. Prepare your responses to the questions asked on the application form. Place your answers on separate paper and attach the sheet(s) to the application cover sheet.

You have the option of submitting these answers on-line if you prefer.

3. Compile all your materials and submit them to us through Fr. El-Khalli, either by mail or in person. (Portions submitted on line will be added to your file.)

NOTE: The sum of \$2000 is available to fund two \$1000 scholarships. In case of applicants with equal, or nearly equal, evaluations, the award committee will have the prerogative of dividing the award(s) equally among those applicants. This may result in awards to more than two students. **The committee may award only one, or no, scholarship in a given year, depending on the qualifications of the applicants.**

Good luck!
Your St. John Maron Scholarship Committee

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Applicant's Number _____
(To be assigned for committee use)

**Application for the
St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship**

Name _____

Parents' names _____

Telephone number _____

Home address _____

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip code)

Date of birth _____

I hereby declare that I am eligible to apply for the St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship, according to the stated criteria.

Applicant's signature _____ **Date** _____

**Application for the
St. John Maron Merit College Scholarship**

- 1. During your high school years, in what activities were you involved at St. John Maron Parish, your school, your community? Which years? What leadership roles did you have?**

- 2. During your high school years, what special recognition or academic honors did you receive?**

- 3. During your life, how do you carry out your role as a “disciple of Christ”? (e.g. attitudes, beliefs, relationships, etc.)**

- 4. What are your aspirations for the next four-or-five-year period? (e.g. social, academic, spiritual) What do you intend to study in college? (If you have not yet made that decision, indicate “undecided”; that’s OK!)**

Attach to this completed application:

- A copy of your high school transcript as of January 31,
- A copy of your SAT and/or ACT score reports as of January 31,
- Two letters of recommendation.

Note: Deadline date is April 1. In fairness to all applicants, no application will be considered after this date.