

ST. ANN'S Council of Catholic Women Scholarship

St. Jerome Catholic Church, Troy, IL

Scholarship Criteria and Guidelines

A \$1000 Scholarship will be awarded to one female graduating high school senior who is a member of St. Jerome parish and meets the following qualifications established by the St. Ann's Scholarship Committee.

- Eligible candidates must be a female current high school senior, attending a Catholic High School, a public high school or home school.
- The student must have received acceptance to a university or trade school with plans to attend in the upcoming fall semester.
- To be considered, the applicant student must be an active member in good standing with St. Jerome parish.
- The scholarship award will be based primarily on merit. The scholarship recipient must carry a full-time academic load of high school classes and remain in academic good standing throughout the year.
- The award will be decided by the Scholarship Committee consisting of members selected from St. Ann's membership. We are interested in the student who shows leadership potential and involvement in church and community.
- The applicant must submit a formal application. All information must be completed, signed and dated by the applicant. Hard copy applications are available in St. Jerome's narthex; digital copy applications are available from the link in the St. Ann's Scholarship promo running in the weekly online bulletin.
- The applicant must submit a Letter of Application, (no more than 350 words, typed and single spaced), explaining how she feels the religious education that she has received in her home, church and school has enhanced her personal development, how she chooses to regularly practice her Catholic faith, and how she believes her Catholic faith will help her fulfill her future goals. This letter should include a personal experience or challenge that reflects how the applicant has relied on her Catholic faith during that experience or challenge.
- The applicant must also submit the Scholarship Application which should include any extracurricular activities and/or organizations (school or community service) she has actively taken part in and what role she has taken in the activity or organization. She should also include her future educational plans and goals, including the profession she hopes to enter and an explanation as to why she has chosen this field of study.

- The Applicant must enclose Two Signed Letters of Recommendation. These should be provided by two different adults who know her well and can attest to her character, her talents, and her promise for the future. One letter should be from a teacher, employer, advisor to a club or activity, coach or volunteer supervisor. The second letter should be from a spiritual advisor. This might be a godparent, priest, nun, PSR or religion teacher. Relatives or family members cannot serve as recommenders.
- The Applicant may choose to attend an accredited college or trade school of her choice and must show she has applied and been accepted by that school. We will confirm this before issuing the check which will be deposited directly into the recipient's account at the college/school.
- Deadline for applications is March 31, 2026. Applications postmarked or submitted after the deadline will not be considered.
- Scholarship winner will be notified personally by May 30, 2026, and the winner will be announced in the St. Jerome's church bulletin in early June.
- Award money will be sent to the school that the student plans to attend by the first week of August to be directly deposited into the student's account. The scholarship committee will require Student ID information from the school/college where the award winner has been accepted in order to deposit the scholarship check in the student's account. The student can draw from this fund to pay toward tuition or books.
- If you have Questions, please contact The St. Ann's Scholarship Committee at stannscholarship@gmail.com

Application Checklist:

**St. Ann's Mission is to Support and to Empower Catholic Women in
Leadership, Spirituality and Service.**

**St. Ann's Council of Catholic Women
Scholarship Application**

Name: _____

Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone#: () _____ **Email:** _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

Extracurricular Activities: If you need more space, please use back of application.

Membership in Clubs/Organizations:

Have you held office or leadership roles in any of the above?

In what ways have you served or taken a leadership role in your St. Jerome's parish during your high school years?

Please describe your faith journey to confirmation as a practicing Catholic and what practices have deepened your commitment to your faith. _____

College or Trade School to which you have applied and been accepted: _____

Anticipated Major: _____

Minor _____

Address of College or Trade School: _____

*I hereby certify that the information contained in this application is complete, accurate and up-to-date based on my knowledge.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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***Mail or Deliver** your application to: St. Jerome Parish Office, Attention: St. Ann's Scholarship Committee, 107 Wayland Ave, Troy, IL 62294-1812 (Office Hours: Tues-Fri, 8:30am-1:30pm, 618-667-6571)

***Email** your completed St. Ann's Scholarship Documents to: stannscholarship@gmail.com with "St. Ann's Scholarship" in the subject line.