

THE MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Dear St. Martha's Parish Family:

Saint Martha's Catholic Church Men of Saint Joseph Ministry is proud to sponsor the Memorial Scholarship; this will be the 1st year of this program, and we will grant a scholarship to a young adult of a parishioner family of Saint Martha's Catholic Church.

The M.S.J. Memorial Scholarship awards a deserving student who enters a college or university. This selection is entirely made by a committee comprised of several members of Saint Martha's Men of Saint Joseph and prominent parishioners.

We are pleased to announce that the Scholarship Award will be \$ 5,000.00.

We invite you to complete the attached application and submit all the required documents no later than Monday April 13th, 2026, to either the address indicated on the "Application Requirements" section of this packet or to any leader of the Men of Saint Joseph.

Pursuant to current privacy laws, all personal information that is submitted will be kept confidential and the sole property of St. Martha's Catholic Church Men of Saint Joseph. All submission materials will be destroyed (shredded) following the selection announcement.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (305) 751-0005

Sincerely



Mr. Herbert Sanchez
Co. Committee Chairperson

Mr. Richard Cumberland
Co. Committee Chairperson

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ELIGIBILITY

To apply for this Scholarship these are the requirements:

- At least one of the parents or the student applicant must be a registered member of Saint Martha's Parish. To be considered a registered member the parishioner should attend mass regularly and use the offertory envelope.
- The student applicant must have a letter of acceptance from an accredited college or university (undergraduate), for the 2026-2027 academic year.
- The enrollment must be as a part time or full-time matriculated student no later than fall of 2026.

Failure of any requirements will result in a rejection of the application or the forfeiture of the award. The applicant could re-apply for the award in the future, after fulfilling all the requirements.

Awards are open to any field of study.

The applicant's participation in Church, extracurricular activities, volunteer activities and work experience will be also considered.

We encourage applications from young adults of all parishioners.

Applications and supporting materials must be submitted to:

Saint Martha's Catholic Church

Parish Office

9221 Biscayne Boulevard

Miami Shores, Florida 33138

Applications submission deadline is Monday, April 13th, 2026.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

This application must be completed and signed by both the student and one of the parents.

The following materials are required to complete this application:

- A one page typed with a signed personal statement of the student, describing the student's goals and future aspirations. The goals can be academic, civic, social and/or personal. It could include a discussion of any circumstances of which the applicant wishes to inform the committee.
- A list of the applicants extracurricular and volunteer activity and/or work experience.
- All Applicants will have an in-person interview with the Selection Board on the 3rd Sunday of May at the Parish Office. The Board will inform all applicants of the time.
- An essay, describing volunteer experience, extracurricular activity, or a personal experience in no more than 2 pages, how the experience benefited others. Describe what happened in your life or in the life of your family, because of such event. Families include parents, grandparents, siblings, guardians, relatives, friends, or people in your community.
- High School Transcript including SAT scores are required.
- A photographic State issued ID must be included.
- The student must provide verification of acceptance from the school of choice. If this is not available by April 13th, 2026, please submit the application and the documents before the deadline and send a copy of the acceptance as soon as it is received. The Scholarship funds will not be released until they are submitted.

For the application to be considered all requirements must be met, except for transcripts and verification of acceptance if they are not available. Transcripts can be mailed directly from the school.

Scholarship Award will be made without regard of gender, race, age, national origin, or physical challenge.

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SELECTION CRITERIA

As mentioned before, the selection is entirely made by a committee comprised of several members of Saint Martha's Men of Saint Joseph and some prominent parishioners of Saint Martha's Church who will review or rate the eligible applications and make the final decisions on the scholarship award based upon the criteria set forth below. And they will conduct an in-person interview on the **3rd Sunday of May** at the Parish Office. The Board will inform all applicants of the time, which usually will be between the masses.

The following criteria will be considered equally in evaluating applicants:

- Church Participation
- Career Goals
- Personal Statement
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- Volunteer Activities
- Work Experience
- Financial Need
- School Recommendations
- Collage/University Acceptance Letter
- Volunteer Essay

In the case of a tie between 2 applicants Church participation will be the determining point.

The Scholarship award must be utilized by September 18th, 2026, failure to do so will automatically disqualify the recipient and the Scholarship award will fall into the runner up. No exceptions will be accepted.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name of the Applicant: _____

Address:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Phone Number)

PARENT INFORMATION

Name of the Parent who is registered Parishioner of Saint Martha's Church:

Address:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

(Phone Number)

Other Parent Name:

Address:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip Code)

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STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____

Date of Entrance _____ Date of Graduation: _____

G.P.A.: _____ Class Rank: _____

CONTINUING EDUCATION INFORMATION

College or University: _____

Address: _____

Have you been admitted to college for the 2026 – 2027 academic year?

Yes: _____

No: _____

If not, have you applied?

Yes: _____

No: _____

Major: _____

I certified, by my signature below, that all of the information contained on this application form and the required documents submitted for review are true and correct.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Parent: _____ Date: _____

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applicant's Email Address: _____

Cell phone or 2nd Phone Number: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

Cell phone or 2nd Phone Number: _____

Parish Envelope Number: _____