

# Saint John's Council of Catholic Women Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors in amounts to be determined annually by a vote of the Guild Board. The Scholarship Committee will provide the necessary application form. The Guild Board or their designees will review completed applications.

Current high school seniors who are members of St. John the Evangelist Parish are eligible for a St. John's Women's Guild scholarship award subject to the following provisions:

1. Candidates must submit a self-written essay describing the type of and degree of their involvement in St. John Parish as well as the type of and degree of their involvement in their community.
2. The high school academic scholarship record must be average or better and the applicant must be planning to further their education in an accredited school or training program.
3. Awards will be given upon completion of the first semester, ranking period, or other requested proof of program completion irrespective of one's grades.
4. Recipients of the Scholarship Award must notify the Chairman of the Scholarship Committee of their grades with an official transcript in January of the next calendar year unless another arrangement has been agreed upon.

Application # \_\_\_\_\_

## Saint John's Council of Catholic Women Scholarship Application

The Women's Guild of St. John's Parish conducts rummage and bake sales to raise money for the Guild's Scholarship awarded to high school seniors who are members and active participants of the parish.

The amount and number of scholarships offered is determined yearly by a vote of the Women's Guild Board.

The entire scholarship process spans five months, January – May, and is overseen by the current Chairperson. The announcement of this opportunity to apply for a scholarship appears in the church newsletter and local newspapers from February to the end of March. **Applications are due the last Friday in March.** Applications are reviewed in early April by Guild members who volunteer their time toward this effort. Recipients are notified in May.

The Guild's primary reason for offering a scholarship is to reward a student for their strong involvement in our parish **beyond** regular attendance at Mass. The degree of involvement may be determined in two ways: communication with the Pastor, Youth Minister and/or Faith Formation Coordinator by the Scholarship Committee and the student-written essay required by the application. Academic achievement must be average or better, determined from an official school transcript along with a plan to further one's education at an accredited school or training program. Lastly, the application asks for a description of community and school involvement.

**It is important to note that each scholarship is reviewed anonymously. Applicants' names are not made available to reviewers to ensure fairness to all applicants. Essays must be written by the applicants themselves and should be typed. We strongly urge using proper spelling and grammar as errors do not present well.**

LATE APPLICATIONS ARE NOT ACCEPTED OUT OF RESPECT FOR OTHER APPLICANTS AND TO PROVIDE TIME FOR THE EQUITABLE EVALUATION OF ALL CANDIDATES. PLEASE RETURN THE APPLICATION TO:

Saint John's Women's Guild  
P.O. Box 1558  
Pocasset, MA 02559-0476

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Confirmation: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Higher Education:** To which institutions have you applied?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Accepted? Yes No (Circle)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Accepted? Yes No (Circle)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Currently Accepted? Yes No (Circle)

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Extra-Curricular Activities/High School Contributions Attach a resume or list below:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ F S Jr. Sr. (circle)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ F S Jr. Sr. (circle)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ F S Jr. Sr. (circle)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ F S Jr. Sr. (circle)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ F S Jr. Sr. (circle)

**HONORS/AWARDS:** Consider academic/community/other groups for last four years.  
Attach a resume or list below:

1. Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_ Award: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_ Award: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_ Award: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_ Award: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of group: \_\_\_\_\_ Award: \_\_\_\_\_

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ESSAY: You are required to submit an essay written in your own words. This essay should be typed with careful attention to spelling, grammar, and English usage.

1. Your essay should describe your involvement in St. John's Parish for the last four years beyond Mass attendance. Examples of such involvement include: helping with the Guild's Rummage Sales; helping with St. John's Christmas Fair; serving as an alter server, lector or choir member; volunteering with Faith Formation; etc.
2. Your essay should also describe your involvement in community activities outside of the church where your participation contributed to a positive result. You are welcome to include the names and phone numbers of adults (you must have permission to include the adult's information) with whom you were connected for any/all activities along with the duration of your participation.
3. Be specific as to your contributions, including the positive effects of your participation.