



Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church

Scholarship Application 2026

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Scholarship Opportunities

Saint Sharbel Church has been generously endowed by the Knights of Saint Sharbel, the George Chedid Scholarship, and the Iskandar Hage-Boutros Scholarship to establish three scholarship funds that provide financial resources to be awarded to new college students. The value of each scholarship is \$1,000 and will be awarded to 3 recipients to celebrate the achievements of the Class of 2026.

Application Procedure

1. Applications will become available on March 3, 2026. Applications may be picked up at the church office or may be acquired from the church website.
2. Completed applications, completed essays and current school transcript(s) must be returned to the Scholarship Committee at the Saint Sharbel Church office by May 17, 2026. Please check with the church office to verify that your application has been received by the church secretary. It's preferred that applications are typed. Additional paper may be used if more room is needed for any responses. It's most important that your responses are detailed and complete to help the Scholarship Committee better know you and your accomplishments. The committee consists of professional and academic leaders. Separate from the committee is a coordinator of the program. Any questions should be directed to the Scholarship Program coordinator to support you through the process. The 2026 Scholarship program coordinator is Tacla Jacobs*.
3. After reviewing all applications, the Scholarship Committee will anonymously decide the winners and inform Father Simon who will contact all applicants by phone and post it on the website. The scholarship recipients will be invited to the presentation of awards during a Liturgy in June by Father Simon. Recipients are expected to attend this presentation. If unable to attend, the student must contact the coordinator of the Scholarship program prior to the awards service.
4. This application is for one academic school year (2026 – 2027).
5. Completed applications must be emailed to: yamarsharbel@gmail.com by May 17, 2026.

Qualifications

- Scholarships are for graduating high school senior students enrolling in an undergraduate study.
- Applicants must be a registered member of Saint Sharbel Church, Somerset, NJ.
- Applicants must complete and submit the application by the given deadline of May 17, 2026.

Scholarship Application Checklist:

- ✓ Completed Application
- ✓ Completed Essay
- ✓ School Transcripts (Grade 9-12)

** 2026 Scholarship Program Coordinator: Tacla Jacobs (732) 207-6695 **

Personal/Contact Information

Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Current School: _____

Applicant Phone: _____

Email: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

School Activities

List group or individual school activities in which you're an active member and identify any leadership role or responsibilities you may have.

Church Involvement

Identify areas in which you've been active in your church.

Leisure/Community Activities

List activities outside of school such as your hobbies, interests, and any community service. Identify any leadership role or responsibilities you may have. Be specific please.

Academic

Name of High School: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

High School Grade Point Average*: _____

Name of Colleges you have been accepted to: _____

Name of College you're going to attend: _____

Major/Field: _____

Do you plan to attend college as a full-time student for the full school year of 2026-2027? Yes No

List any recognition, awards or honors that you've received in school, church, work, or community in the last several years.

***Please include a copy of your academic transcripts with this application.**

Your Faith Journey (Essay)

Please respond thoughtfully and specifically to each prompt or question, developing and expressing your ideas completely on another sheet of paper.

Typed responses are preferred.

1. Give a summary of the main events in your life and outline your personal as well as your educational goals.
2. How has Saint Sharbel Church influenced your life journey of faith?
3. In what ways has your religious background and faith impacted your life? Give specific examples of your personal religious beliefs and attitudes, how they guide you in how you live your daily life.
4. How have you impacted the Saint Sharbel Church community?
5. Explain why this scholarship is important to you.

Altogether, the answers to these prompts should not exceed 500 words.

References

Please give the name, address and phone number of two (2) character references who can attest to your character, personal and educational goals.

Name 1: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

How do you know this person? _____

Name 2: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

How do you know this person? _____

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____

Thank you for applying for a Saint Sharbel Maronite Church Scholarship!