

# **Saint Sharbel Maronite Catholic Church**

## **Scholarship Application 2025-2026**

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### **Scholarship Opportunities**

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

### **Application Procedure**

1. Applications will become available on March 23, 2025. 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 11, 2025. Please check with the church office to verify that your application has been received by the church secretary. It's preferred that applications be 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. Any questions should be directed to the Scholarship Committee chairperson who is currently Samira Souaid\*.
3. After reviewing all applications, the Scholarship Committee 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 worship service in June by Father Simon. Recipients are expected to attend this presentation. If unable to attend, the student must contact the chairperson of the Scholarship Committee prior to the awards service.
4. This application is for one academic school year.
5. Completed applications must be emailed to: [yamarsharbel@gmail.com](mailto:yamarsharbel@gmail.com) by May 11, 2025.

### **Qualifications**

- Scholarships are for graduating high school senior students enrolling in an undergraduate study.
- Must be a registered member of the Saint Sharbel Church.
- Must complete and submit the application by the given deadline.

### **Scholarship Application Checklist:**

Completed Application

Completed Essay

School Transcripts (Grade 9-12)

**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.

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**Church Involvement**

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

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**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.

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**Academic**

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School Grade Point Average\*: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Colleges you have been accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_

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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 2025-2026?  Yes  No

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

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**\*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 complete on another sheet of paper.

**Typed responses are preferred.**

1. Give a brief summary of the main events in your life and outline your personal as well as your educational goals.
2. How has the 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 community?
5. Explain why this scholarship is important to you.

***All together, the answers to these prompts should not exceed 500 words.***

**References**

Please give the name, address and phone number of two 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: \_\_\_\_\_