

Fearless Giving Scholarship Program

Sponsored by St. John's Church Lake Park

FAQ

Q1. What is the Mission of the Scholarship Program?

A1. Sometimes heroes don't come with a cape and incredible abs. Sometimes, heroes are regular everyday people in our communities that have a burning desire to make a difference for the better. These are examples of people that donate to our Fearless Giving Scholarship program...and are its recipients. Be fearless...dare to dream to make a difference within our own communities.

We are compelled to help that everyday hero willing to commit to further their knowledge and/or skill to benefit their local communities regardless of sex, race or religion.

The Scholarship Committee and its program at St. John's Church Lake Park is committed to managing the financial resources provided by our donors to promote these aspirations in hopes of making it come true.

Q2. What does the Scholarship Committee do?

A2. The Scholarship Committee supports the execution of SJLC's Scholarship program by:

- Managing and making decisions distribution of the financial funds donated to the program in consultation with the church council.

- On an annual basis, determine the frequency of awarding funds, its deadlines and requirements.
- Partnering with other church groups and external organizations to advance donorship opportunities for the program.
- Help to publicize the scholarship program to increase applicant and donor participation.

Q3. How are scholarship funds acquired?

A3. Scholarship funds can come from any one of the sources below:

- Monetary collections at Church services
- Monetary donations to the Scholarship Fund
- Tiered donation levels for one-time donations by individuals, families or groups in honor or in memory of a person, cause or event.
 - < \$500 (Planting the seed...)
 - \$500 - 2500 (You can do this!)
 - \$2501 and above (Let's go!)

Q4. What are the membership requirements to serve on the Scholarship Committee?

A4. Members of the Scholarship Committee are elected by the church council members. All candidates do not have to be a member of St. John's Church. An individual may request to be nominated by contacting St. John's Church Lake Park at (561) 848-3142 or one of its council members. A minimum of 5 committee members are required for an active annual scholarship program to exist: 1 chair (Team Leader) and 4 committee members (Team Members).

1.)Reside in Palm Beach County

- 2.) Must not have a criminal, felony or higher record and must be in good standing within their communities.
- 3.) Must follow the policies and guidelines set forth by St. John's Church Lake Park for the scholarship program.

Q5. Who is eligible for a scholarship?

A5. Eligibility requirements are:

- 1.) Must be a resident of Palm Beach County.
- 2.) Must follow the rules and guidelines as set forth in the scholarship application and procedures.
- 3.) Must be one of the applicant types:
 - a.) Undergraduate - person that is working towards an undergraduate degree
 - b.) Graduate - person that already has an undergraduate degree and obtaining a graduate degree
 - c.) Vocational school / industry certification - person that is looking to enhance their skills / education by taking vocational classes and/or an industry specific designation or certification.

For any of the above types, the applicant does not need to be in high school but can be an adult worker going back to school.

Q6. What is the financial value of the scholarship?

A6. Scholarship amounts distributed may vary from periods within a year and from year to year. A minimum of \$500 increments will be awarded based on donations, gifts, and/or one-time offerings/gifts.

Q7. Can you be awarded a scholarship while already in college or not attending a school?

A7. Yes. Applicants need to reapply quarterly. You may also apply to all application periods throughout the calendar year. Applications that are received at the end of a quarter will “roll-over” into the next quarter. An applicant can only receive one scholarship distribution per annual period. Most of this will be based upon available funds for the program. However, special consideration may be taken depending upon need.

Applicants can also apply if they wish to use funds to help their own program that benefits their community. This type of applicant will just need to provide detailed information about their program. However, it is not required that an applicant use the funds for school tuition or classes.

Q8. When are Scholarships awarded?

A8. Eligible applicants may apply for scholarships by the announced period deadline. Currently, we are administering the program within 3 periods in a 12 month period. Applications are accepted on an **ON-GOING basis**. We expect to distribute awards at least once every quarter for the calendar year of January through December. Awards are distributed based on the following:

Period	Deadline	Award Date
Q1 2024	March 31, 2024	April 2024
Q2 2024	July 30, 2024	August 2024
Q3 2024	Oct 30, 2024	Nov 2024
Q4 2024	December 31, 2024	January 2025

Applications received after the deadline for the current quarter will roll-over into the next quarter for consideration.

Winners will be notified by email and postal mail and will be presented the funds in a ceremony. Winners may also be notified via the phone number provided in the application.

Q9. Where can I obtain a scholarship application?

A9. Scholarship applications can be downloaded from our website located at: <https://www.stjohnschurch.me> in the “**Downloads**” section accessible from the “**More**” menu. You can also request an application be sent to you via email. There is a “Contact Us” form on the website.

Q10. How do I submit my application?

A10. You can submit your application via one of the following methods, however, email is the preferred method:

- 1.) Via postal mail. Mail must be postmarked no later than the period application deadline.
- 2.) Via email to the address: sjlp.scholarships@gmail.com. Email must be sent no later than 11:59 PM EST of the period deadline.