ST. MARON EDUCATION FOUNDATION

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Updated Eligibility Requirements

If you do not meet all eligibility requirements, we respectfully ask that you refrain from applying, as your application will not be considered.

To be eligible for a college scholarship from the St. Maron Education Foundation, applicants MUST meet all of the following requirements:

1. Be an active and registered parishioner of St. Maron Church in Youngstown.

Applicants must demonstrate an ongoing commitment to their parish through:

- Attending Mass regularly, especially on Sundays and Holy Days, at least twice monthly.
- Receiving the sacraments.
- Supporting St. Maron Church in Youngstown through time, talent, and/or treasure, including volunteering at parish events, contributing financially through regular offerings, and participating in parish activities such as MYO and MYA.

Active and current parish involvement is required. Simply registering for MYO or MYA does not fulfill this requirement. Participation must take place at St. Maron Church in Youngstown, not at another parish.

We understand that college, work, and other responsibilities may take you away from Youngstown for periods of time. However, we expect applicants to make a genuine effort to remain connected to their parish and participate whenever they are home. As a small, close-knit community, St. Maron relies on its members, especially its young people, to help sustain and strengthen our parish family.

2. Complete at least **30 volunteer hours annually at St. Maron Church in Youngstown,** including the annual festival, fundraisers, and other parish activities.

A list of 2027–2028 church events where applicants can sign up to volunteer is available at the parish office. All required volunteer hours must be completed and properly scanned by the application deadline.

3. Volunteer at the annual St. Maron Education Foundation Fundraiser Dinner.

Volunteering at the annual fundraiser dinner is mandatory unless the applicant provides a **valid and unavoidable** excuse approved by the Board.

4. Submit the completed scholarship renewal application and an updated OFFICIAL transcript by the announced deadline.

The official transcript must meet the following requirements:

- It must reflect college grades for the most recent grading period.
- It must be generated by a high school or university administrator and contain the institution's formal signature and seal.
- It must be submitted in a sealed high school or university envelope along with the application.
- Self-generated computer printouts will NOT be accepted as official transcripts.

Application Submission Deadline

The completed application, official transcript, and documentation of all required volunteer hours must be received by the St. Maron Education Foundation no later than ***May 31, 2027***.

Please email the application and required documentation to: **stmaroneducationfoundation@gmail.com**

Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet the stated eligibility requirements will not be considered.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

* Scholarships are rewarded based on your personal participation and commitment, not family involvement. **(not your parents, or your grandparents. these are not legacy scholarships.)**

Please note that the Education Foundation will receive attendance and participation information directly from the church organizations involved, including MYO, MYA, and the parish office.

One important step to remember: Every time you volunteer at St. Maron – Youngstown event, you must inform the supervisor or event coordinator and scan the Attendance QR Code to register your attendance.

Event coordinators will be aware of this requirement and will report attendance information to the Education Foundation; however, they are **NOT** responsible for directing you to the QR Code unless you ask them for it.

Unscanned or unregistered volunteer hours cannot be counted, so please make sure to complete this step every time you volunteer.

A Message to Our Scholarship Applicants

The St. Maron Education Foundation believes in supporting our students as they pursue their education, achieve their goals, and build their futures.

These scholarships represent more than financial assistance; they reflect our parish's investment in its young people and our hope that they will remain an active and meaningful part of our community.

We understand the demands of college and the many responsibilities that come with growing into adulthood. We do not expect you to be present every day, but we do hope to see enthusiasm, commitment, and a sincere desire to stay connected to St. Maron Church – Youngstown whenever you are home. Our parish needs its young people, their time, talents, ideas, energy, and willingness to help. Every meeting attended, event supported, hour volunteered, and effort made to serve our community makes a difference.

We ask you to be thoughtful, mindful, and responsible by considering not only what your church can do for you, but also what you can do for your church.

The purpose of these scholarships is not simply to provide financial assistance, but to encourage a spirit of faith, gratitude, service, and giving back.

We are investing in you because you are part of our parish family, and we hope you will take pride in helping that family grow and thrive for generations to come.

We are looking for students who not only wish to receive support from St. Maron Parish, but who also demonstrate a genuine willingness to support and give back to the church community that supports them.

APPLICATION FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Name: _____

Last First Middle

Present Resident Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth (Day / Month / Year): _____

If you do not live in Youngstown, how often do you visit? _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

I am applying as: (please select one)

☐ A High School Senior (will be a first-time undergraduate student next year)

☐ An Undergraduate Student

☐ A Graduate Student

Name of school/college you will attend next year: _____

Major/Area of Study: _____ Minor: _____

Expected graduation date: _____

APPLICANT REFLECTION LETTER

Please electronically submit this application with a 1–2-page typed letter to stmaroneducationfoundation@gmail.com addressing the following questions.

1- What role does St. Maron - Youngstown parish play in your life?

2- How often do you participate in the Divine Liturgy (Presently)?

3- How is your faith influence your decisions or goals?

4- In what ways, have you volunteered or served in the parish (Past and Presently)? If you haven't, why not?

5- Are you involved in youth or young adult ministries? If yes, what and how? If no, why not?

6- Why do you believe you should have a scholarship from St. Maron Education Foundation?

7- How do you plan to stay connected to St. Maron – Youngstown, in the future?

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____