

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School Alumni Scholarship

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The Administration and Student Council of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School invite our graduates who are now high school seniors to apply for a scholarship. Monies will be awarded to an individual or individuals. We are hoping to provide OLPH alumni an opportunity to show how they have grown as Christians and how they have helped the community throughout the past four years. Therefore, this scholarship is given based on Christian Service, Community Service, and Personal Growth.

Three letters of recommendation are required, verifying your involvement in the areas of Community Service, Christian Service, and Personal Growth. Letters must include the name of the person recommending you, their address, organization, and phone number, as well as, your name, as the scholarship applicant.

Applicants must be high school seniors and graduates of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

Incomplete submissions will not be considered for the award.

Please be sure the following checklist is complete before you submit materials for consideration.

_____ Include a copy this page of the Scholarship Application with each item checked off.

_____ Your essay cover page must include: your name, the name of your high school, your home address, and your parents' complete names and phone numbers.

_____ Three letters of reference are enclosed.

_____ Your personal essay must include evidence of all three areas:
1. Community Service
2. Christian Service
3. Personal Growth – This is crucial. Do not leave it out!

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, April 3rd
by 3:00 pm in the OLPH School office.**

GUIDELINES FOR PERSONAL ESSAY

Personal Growth

During your years in high school, you have changed in several ways, we're sure. Growth is different from change. Growth is the process of expanding. Growth is important throughout your high school years because it defines who you have become as a person. Without personal growth, there is no maturity. Tell us how you have grown as a person these last four years. Give clear examples and stories. This is the most crucial aspect for the scholarship committee.

Community Service

What have you done for your community in the form of community service (i.e. fund-raising activities, areas of leadership, clubs, involvement in politics, or volunteer work in the community.) What have you *learned about yourself* through your involvement in the community? Give clear examples and stories of how you've grown through these experiences.

Christian Service

What have you done as a Christian in the area of Christian service? (i.e. helping the poor, needy or elderly, volunteering in your parish or church, or promoting the message of Christ directly in your actions, especially in helping the less fortunate or witnessing publicly in words or actions what Jesus means to you.) What have you *learned about your personal faith* through your involvement in this service? Give clear examples and stories.

FORMATTING GUIDELINES

The essay section of this scholarship must consist of the following:

- No more than 400 words, no less than 200 words
- A coversheet must contain – your name, address, parents' names and phone numbers, and the name of your high school
- Must be typed and double-spaced. Ink must be black using one of the following fonts: Arial, Times New Roman, or Century School Book.
- You may quote other people in your essay with proper attribution.
- Must **provide information in ALL THREE areas**: Personal Growth, Community Service, and Christian Service.

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Good luck, and God bless you!**