

2020 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



VENERABLE

PIERRE TOUSSAINT

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund (PTSF) and Program was established in 1983 and is administered by the Archdiocese of New York through its Office of Black Ministry. PTSF provides scholarships and mentorship to graduating high school seniors of diverse backgrounds from public, private and parochial schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York, to assist them with the educational fees and expenses associated with their college studies. Students selected into the PTSF, as P.T. Scholars, are chosen based on their strong academic record, their active participation with their parish and school communities, and their demonstration of good character and sound leadership ability. Scholarship awards are renewable for subsequent, consecutive years of undergraduate and graduate studies, based upon the Scholar meeting certain specified academic and service requirements, and other PTSF program requirements. PTSF also provides scholars with ongoing mentorship and advisement: spiritual, educational, professional career, and personal.

To obtain more information regarding and /or to support the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund & Program contact the office at 646-794-2681 or via email at obm@archny.org.

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a 2020 Venerable Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Award, an applicant must:

- A. Be a member of a **Roman Catholic Archdiocesan parish**, active in parish/community affairs and submit a **letter of recommendation from his/her Pastor or Parish priest**;
- B. Be a graduating senior from a Catholic, private or public high school in the Archdiocese (during the 2019-20 school year);
- C. Show high academic achievement/promise, supported by a **transcript and letter of recommendation from a teacher and/or guidance counselor**;
- D. Submit a **2020 Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Application Form**, by the required deadline.
- E. Submit an essay (typed) of approximately 300-500 words on one of the three topics that are listed on the application, and demonstrating a knowledge of the life of **Venerable Pierre Toussaint**. (Please note that Pierre Toussaint is NOT the same person as Toussaint L'Ouverture. Applicants who confuse this fact in their essays may have their essays deemed unacceptable.);
- F. Demonstrate good character and leadership abilities, both in school and in the community;
- G. Be available for a personal interview during the selection process should such an interview be deemed necessary by the committee.

The completed application form, together with transcript, letters of recommendation and essay, should be sent to the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Office at the following address:

**Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund
Archdiocese of New York
1011 First Avenue, 7th Floor
New York, New York 10022**

Decisions of the PTSF, upon the recommendations of the OBM Education / Scholarship Selection Committee, are final. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their awards during mid-spring and will receive them prior to the start of their fall semester in college. New awardees also will be notified of the date, in late May or June, for the Scholars Annual Weekend Retreat and a Mass with scholar families, at which ALL scholars are expected to be in attendance!

N.B. In order to receive the award, the candidate must ultimately be accepted to a college or university and have taken the necessary steps toward enrollment.

**APPLICATIONS FOR 2020 AWARDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE
OFFICE OF BLACK MINISTRY / PIERRE TOUSSAINT SCHOLARSHIP FUND OFFICE
OR BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2020.**

Office of Black Ministry - Venerable Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund
2020 Application Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Home Address _____ Date of Birth _____
Street Address
City State Zip

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Parent/Guardian's
Name _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish _____ Pastor _____

Parish Address _____
Street City State Zip

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School Presently Attending:

Name Address Dates

Elementary School Attended:

Name Address Dates

Do you know anyone that is currently in, or was in the Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Program?
If yes, who & how do you know them?

How did you find out about the program? Who suggested you apply?

ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION

All information in response to the following areas must be typed. These responses should be addressed on separate sheet(s) of paper with applicant's full name on each sheet. (As an easier alternative, if any of the requested information is available on an applicant's Student Activity Résumé, the résumé itself may be submitted as a response to these areas.)

1. Please list and describe any extra-curricular activities that you have participated in while attending high school. State any offices held, the length of your membership and any awards or special recognitions you may have received.
2. Please list and describe significant contributions you have made to your church and/or community organizations and any civic awards or special recognition you have received. Indicate any positions you may have held.
3. To what colleges, trade schools or post-secondary training programs have you applied? (Please indicate if you've been accepted at any of the indicated schools as of the date of your application).
4. Please list academic awards or honors you may have received during high school or expect to receive upon graduation.
5. Indicate your career interests.

ESSAY

In an essay of approximately 300-500 words (typed, 12-font and double spaced), discuss one of the following questions or topics, keeping in mind that, although your essay should demonstrate some knowledge or familiarity with the life of Venerable Pierre Toussaint, it should aim to provide the reader with a greater insight into who you are and how you think.

1. In Matthew 20:28, Jesus says that: "the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." With at least one concrete example, discuss what you think Jesus meant by this and whether or not you think Venerable Pierre Toussaint embodied and lived out this statement in his life. Then address how this statement is (or can be) reflected in your own life.
2. What do you think it means to be a "man or woman for others?" Do you consider yourself to be such? Why or why not? Would you consider Venerable Pierre Toussaint to have been such? Why or why not? Discuss, providing at least one example from his life and yours.
3. Many would consider Venerable Pierre Toussaint to have been a very generous and forgiving person. Would you agree or disagree with that? Would you consider yourself to be such? Explain/discuss, providing an example(s).