

ST. PATRICK CHURCH
Higher Education Scholarship Committee 2021
1204 N. Armstrong St.
Kokomo, IN 46901

Dear Applicant:

We are excited that you are interested in the St. Patrick Catholic Higher Education Scholarship. This scholarship is available to any member of St. Patrick Parish who has graduated from high school and who wishes to obtain a higher education. Following is more information about this scholarship.

Purpose: To encourage and promote a sense of a caring church family community for parishioners by morally and financially supporting their pursuit of an advanced education.

Funding: Donations from individuals, church organizations, bequests, etc. The number and amount awarded each year will be determined by need and the amount of money available for this fund. The amount currently is \$500 for each recipient.

Awarding: To be determined by a point system based on financial need, academic achievement, church involvement, school and community activities, and/or outside employment.

We recognize that each applicant is an individual with varying needs. The application has been designed to gather information through specific questions as well as written responses. If necessary, a personal interview may be requested of applicants.

Please note that there are two types of applications enclosed in this packet.

- **The Dependent Application** is to be completed by students who are claimed on their parent's tax return.
- **The Independent Application** should be completed by those *not* claimed as a dependent.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could award each applicant the finances needed to complete their education? Perhaps someday, but whether you are awarded this scholarship or not, we want to wish you God's blessings as you work to reach your goals.

Sincerely,

The Higher Education Scholarship Committee

**APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR
ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

1. Determine if you need to complete the **DEPENDENT** or **INDEPENDENT** application form: dependent application is for applicants claimed on their parent's tax return, and independent application is for those not claimed on their parent's tax return.
2. Complete all information that applies to you. All information will be held in the strictest confidence. It is your responsibility to see that all parts for the application, including references, are in the hands of the Committee by May 10, 2021. Forward to:

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3. **Write a paragraph** (*minimum*) telling what career you would like to follow and your reasons for choosing this career. State which college or vocational school you have chosen to attend and the reason for your selection. Attach the paragraph to this application.
4. Attach a **transcript of your grades** throughout high school or the last semester of college that you have completed.
5. Complete the **Church Involvement Sheet** and return with application.
6. Request **two references** using the Recommendation Form attached to this application.
7. Sign the attached **Authorization to Release Information** and return with the application.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this application, contact the parish office at 765-452-6021.

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By May 10, the Committee should have the following in their hands:

- Application Form (Dependent or Independent)
- Paragraph
- Transcript of Grades
- Church Involvement Sheet
- Recommendation Forms (X 2)
- Authorization of Release Form

The Committee will meet as soon as possible after May 10 and all candidates will be notified in writing of the Committee's decision.

APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENT

(Individual not claimed on parent's tax return)

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Social Security Number: _____

Birth Date: _____

Married _____ Single _____ Divorced _____
Employed _____ Unemployed _____ Retired _____ Disabled _____

Place of employment, occupation and number of hours worked per week: _____

If married, spouse's name: _____
Employed _____ Unemployed _____ Retired _____ Disabled _____

Spouse's place of employment and occupation: _____

Applicant's Children:
Number of children: _____ Age(s): _____ Number at home: _____

Last year of schooling and grade completed: _____

School presently attending: _____

Class (specify semesters completed): _____

Who helps with your financial support: _____

Total Family Financial Resources:

Less than \$50,000	_____	\$75,000 - \$99,000	_____
\$50,000 - \$75,000	_____	\$99,000 or above	_____

Have you applied for scholarships or loans: Yes _____ No _____

Name: _____ Amt. applied for: _____

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As of this time, list which of the above you have received: _____

APPLICATION FOR INDEPENDENT STUDENT

State any particular financial need:

Provide a detailed estimate of the total amount of educational assistance needed in attending the school of your choice during the coming year:

Provide any additional information you feel would assist the Committee in considering your application (e.g.; personal goals, family circumstances, etc.):

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT SHEET
(All applicants)

Name: _____

Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation?

Yes _____ No _____

How often do you attend Sunday Mass?

Never _____ Rarely _____ Often _____ Sundays _____ More than weekly _____

Do you participate in programs and activities in St. Patrick Parish at the present time?

Yes _____ No _____

If at college, which parish do you attend? Parish: _____

City: _____

What parish activities do you participate in? *(Please list grades or years of participation.)*

_____ K-8 Religious Education Program

_____ High School Religious Education Program

_____ Eucharistic Minister/Reader/Altar Server/Hospitality Minister

_____ Cantor/Choir/Instrumentalist

_____ Teacher/Aide/Other Assistant

_____ Parish Committees, Organizations

_____ Other (list)

How do you see your career choice and faith life working together? *(Use additional page if necessary.)*

RECOMMENDATION FORM
ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Scholarship Committee of the St. Patrick Higher Education Scholarship Fund would appreciate your candid appraisal of this candidate applying for a scholarship. We have prepared a list of items that would be helpful for us to know in evaluating each candidate in making our selection.

Please feel free to write your responses directly on this sheet if that is more convenient for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

Candidate's name: _____

How long have you known this candidate? _____

What is the basis of your acquaintance? _____

How would you evaluate his/her ...

- a. potential for learning _____
- b. level of maturity _____
- c. emotional stability _____
- d. integrity _____
- e. relationships with others _____

Any additional comments you might have regarding this candidate: *(Feel free to use additional page.)*

NAME (printed)

SIGNATURE

POSITION

DATE

Please forward before May 10, 2021 to:
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**AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION
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As an applicant for the St. Patrick Catholic Higher Education Scholarship, I hereby authorize the Committee, or any member thereof, to discuss my grades, class standing, or school record with any teacher, advisor or administrator.

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Date: _____