

# *St. Mary Rosary Altar Society Scholarship*

The St. Mary Rosary Altar Society is offering a **\$300.00** scholarship to a student who is an active member of St. Mary Parish. Graduating high school seniors who have been accepted as a full time student at a trade school, community college or four year college in the fall of 2021 will be considered. The deadline for submissions is **Thursday April 1, 2021** and the winner will be announced on **Sunday May 2, 2021**.

## **Eligibility Requirements**

1. Applicant must be an active member of St. Mary Parish who has completed the sacrament of Confirmation.
2. Applicant must be a high school senior.
3. Applicant must be active in church and community service.
4. Applications must be received by the April 1, 2021 deadline.
5. Incomplete or late applications will NOT be considered for the scholarship regardless of need or qualifications.
6. Completed applications, including letters of recommendation must be emailed to **[stmaryrosarian@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryrosarian@gmail.com)**.
7. All applicants will receive confirmation of receipt within 3 days of submission.
8. Application and attached documents must be typed and submitted in Word or as PDF.
9. Applicants must provide a letter of acceptance to college or trade school for the fall 2021.
10. Scholarship recipient will be announced at the Rosary Altar Society May Crowning Ceremony on May 2, 2021.
11. Junior Rosarians or relatives of RAS Scholarship Committee members are not eligible for consideration.

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## **Personal Information:**

Applicant Name:

Birth Date:

Confirmation Date:

Street Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Parent(s)/Guardian:

## **College:**

Name of the college you will attend:

Intended Major / Field of Study:

What are your career goals at this time?

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## **Academic Information:**

Name of High School:

Academic Accomplishments/Award/Honors:

## **Clubs / Sports:**

Explain in Detail Your Involvement in a Club or Sport and List any Leadership Roles or Offices Held:

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## **Church Service:**

Explain in Detail Church Activities or Ministries in which You Participate:

## **Community Service:**

Explain in Detail any Community Service Activities You have Participated in:

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## **Other:**

Other Activities or Employment Information You want us to Know About:

## **Essay:**

It is easy to feel alone when we are in the most difficult of circumstances. When we believe in the Light, regardless of how dim it looks to us in our fear, our eyes will be opened wider, and we will be consoled by our Savior Jesus.

Quoting Mark's Gospel 4:37-41, "A violent squall came up and waves were breaking over the boat, so that it was already filling up. Jesus was in the stern, asleep on a cushion. They woke him and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet, Be still.' The wind ceased and there was a great calm. Then he asked them, 'Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?' They were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?'"

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic we are in the midst of an unbelievable 'squall'. Our lives have been tossed by the waves of lock downs, virtual learning, cancelled events and team sports. Some of us have suffered from job losses, food insecurities, separation from friends and family and even the death of our loved ones. All of this isolation can lead to feelings of despair and loneliness. But truly, we are never alone, even in the darkest of times.

It is said "Faith sees best in the darkness". Tell us how you have been tested during this time of great challenges. How has the Light guided you out of the darkness? Describe how your faith has been the strength upon which you have been able to face and even conquer these life-altering events?

***Please attach your essay of no more than 300 words to the end of this packet.***

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The following components must be included to complete your application:

- Completed Applicant Information Packet (pages 2 -5 above).
- Essay as described on page 5.
- Letter of recommendation from a Priest, Deacon or ministry leader (non-relative) who has known you for a minimum of 2 years.
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor or principal (non-relative).
- Letter of recommendation from a coach, club advisor, scout leader, mentor, or employer (non-relative) who has known you for a minimum of 2 years.
- A copy of the letter or other proof of acceptance from your college or trade school.
- High School Resume.
- This check list with (electronic) signature in box below.

**I attest that the information on this application is accurate and the essay is my own original creation.**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_