

VISITATION OF OUR LADY ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION (2019-20 School Year)

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This Application is for current 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade students who are an alumnus/alumna of VOL School for a \$1,000 scholarship award toward New Orleans area Catholic high school tuition expenses for one year.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE
VOL PASTORAL CENTER (3500 Ames Blvd., Marrero, LA 70072)
PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019.**

PLEASE PRINT

Student Information

Applicant's Full Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Gender: M F

Phone #: (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Parent's Names: (Father) _____ (Mother) _____

Current Grade: _____ School Currently Attending: _____

Catholic High School Attending for 2019-20 School Year: _____

Circle the grade levels that you attended VOL School: PK-3 PK-4 K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

What year did you (or will you) graduate from VOL School? _____

Is the Applicant a Baptized Roman Catholic? YES NO *If yes, what Catholic Church parish was the Applicant baptized?* _____ *If the Applicant was baptized at VOL Church, please provide their*

DATE OF BIRTH for verification purposes: _____ *If the Applicant was NOT baptized at VOL Church, please submit a copy of the baptismal certificate from the church parish where the Applicant was baptized.*

Note: If you submitted a copy of your baptismal certificate with any prior years application, you do not have to re-submit it.

Criteria for our Scholarship Award

The VOL Men's Club is based on the principles of service to the Catholic Church, VOL School, charities & our local community. We feel that it is important to begin service toward these causes at an early age. We require that our award recipients exhibit the same characteristics of service as our club. Therefore, we *require* that our scholarship recipients have some significant record of service to the Catholic Church, their Catholic School, charities or our local community & be of good moral character. Scholarship applicants are ***required*** to be baptized Roman Catholics & graduates of VOL School. Applicants must have attended VOL School, at a minimum, for 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th (if applicable) grades. We further ***recommend*** that applicants maintain a minimum "B-" average in all of their core subjects. Current 7th grade students of VOL School who are applying for admission at a Catholic high school the following school year are eligible. Current 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade students who are an alumnus/alumna of VOL School who will be attending a Catholic high school the following school year are also eligible to apply. Qualified applicants & prior scholarship recipients may apply (& reapply) each year until the end of their junior year of high school.

Service Work

Our scholarship recipients must have some significant record of active service to the Catholic Church, their Catholic School, charitable causes and/or the local community. On the lines below, please list any participation by the Applicant in any qualifying service activities. (Examples: Altar Servers, CYO, Key Club, Peer Ministry, Ambassadors, Choir, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, SGA, school yearbook or newspaper, community outreach, Columbian Squires, lector, VOL Cajun Fest participation, school related ministries, missions, retreats, Respect Life Rally, etc.) All service must have been performed sometime within the past year. You may provide any form of verification of your participation in these activities. ***Note: Service hours that are required for high school students as part of their curriculum are acceptable and qualify as criteria for this scholarship. However, fulfilling the minimum requirement for these service hours alone may not distinguish yourself from all other high school student applicants who are also fulfilling the minimum amount of requisite service hours.***

For current high school student applicants only: What is the minimum amount of service hours required by your high school for your grade level? _____ hours. How many service hours did you perform this year? _____ hours. If any of the activities listed above were performed as part of any service hours that are required by your high school, please list those specific activities: _____

Submit a Brief Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, handwrite or type a letter to the VOL Men's Club to: **(a)** Introduce yourself with some brief personal background information. Tell us about yourself and your family. What are your interests & hobbies? What are your plans for the future? **(b)** Provide detailed information of your involvement with the service activities that you have previously disclosed; **(c)** Explain the importance and purpose of service to the Catholic Church, Catholic schools and charitable causes, and why this should be an important part of your life now and in the future; **(d)** What motivates you to serve the Catholic Church, your school and our community? and **(e)** What do you hope to accomplish through the performance of your service work? There is no specified length for this essay. Whatever length the applicant feels is sufficient to thoroughly inform us of their service activities and to provide the above information is acceptable. Submit your essay along with this application.

Notations:

Our scholarship selection committee consists of select members of our club and select clergymen of VOL Church. To maintain the integrity of our award, any member of the VOL Men's Club who is a parent, grandparent or guardian of any VOL School student or any local Catholic high school student is **not** eligible to serve on our selection committee to determine the recipients of our award. Furthermore, the VOL Men's Club has devised a process which enables us to select our scholarship award recipients purely on the merits & qualifications of the applicant. The scholarship applicant's identity will not be disclosed to the members of our selection committee during our award selection process. The applicant's anonymity will be maintained until all scholarship recipients are selected & our selection process is complete.

Kindly submit the following to the VOL Pastoral Center in a sealed envelope **prior to the close of business on FRIDAY, JUNE 14, 2019:** (Write "VOL Alumni Scholarship Application" on the outside of the envelope.)

- This Application.
- Separate sheet of paper(s) that includes your essay.
- Copy of most recent report card.
- Any form of verification of your service work. *(optional)*
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate, if **not** baptized at VOL Church. *(if applicable)*