

Catholic Faith Revival Scholarship

Overview

The Catholic Faith Revival Scholarship is designed to support young individuals who are committed to their Catholic faith and pursuing higher education or vocational training. Established to foster spiritual growth alongside academic and professional development, this scholarship awards a monetary amount annually for up to a maximum of four years to one male recipient and one female recipient. The scholarship aims to encourage ongoing reflection on faith's role in daily life while providing financial assistance for educational pursuits.

Eligibility Requirements

To be considered for the Catholic Faith Revival Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a practicing Catholic or actively pursuing Catholicism (e.g., enrolled in OCIA or similar programs).
- Regularly attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation.
- Be in good standing with the Holy See, with no known impediments to full participation in the sacraments (exceptions may be considered for OCIA applicants).
- Be planning to enroll in or currently attending a trade school, college, or university (only full-time status acceptable).
- Be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of initial application (exceptions may be considered on a case-by-case basis).

The scholarship is open to applicants from Holy Name of Jesus Parish, provided they can verify they are parishioners through reference from the parish office.

Award Details

- **Number of Awards:** One male recipient and one female recipient per award cycle.
- **Award Amount:** A monetary dollar amount of \$500.00 to one female and \$500.00 to one male disbursed annually for up to four consecutive years, contingent on renewal requirements.
- **Duration:** Renewable for up to four years, provided the recipient maintains eligibility and fulfills annual obligations.
- **Disbursement:** Funds will be paid directly to each recipient to cover tuition, fees, books, or related expenses.

Application Process

Initial applications must be submitted by **May 15, 2026**, and include:

1. A completed 2026 Initial Application form (available on Parish website or upon request at catholicfaithrevival@gmail.com).

2. Proof of enrollment or acceptance into a trade school, college, or university.
3. A personal statement (500 words) describing your commitment to Catholicism, including how your faith influences your educational and life goals.
4. A completed 2026 Parish Office form confirming you are in good standing with the Holy See and actively practicing the Catholic faith, or OCIA enrollment confirmation.
5. A letter of recommendation from an educator or mentor.
6. Submit completed application and required material by May 15, 2026, to:
 - a) catholicfaithrevival@gmail.com -OR-
 - b) Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 6150 Allentown Boulevard, Harrisburg PA, 17112
Attn: Catholic Faith Revival Scholarship

Award recipients will be notified by July 31, 2026, with funds disbursed by the start of the fall semester.

Renewal Requirements

To renew the scholarship each year, recipients must:

- A completed Recurring Application form (available on Parish website or upon request at catholicfaithrevival@gmail.com)
- Maintain enrollment in their trade school, college, or university program with satisfactory academic progress (minimum GPA of 3.0 or equivalent).
- Continue to meet all eligibility requirements, including regular Mass attendance and good standing with the Holy See.
- Submit a 500-word essay by June 30 each year, reflecting on how your Catholic faith has influenced your life and/or others over the past 12 months or so. The essay should include specific examples of spiritual growth, challenges overcome through faith, community involvement (e.g., parish activities, volunteer work), and how faith integrates with their studies or career path.

Failure to submit the annual essay or maintain eligibility will result in forfeiture of the scholarship for that year. Renewal decisions will be made each year by July 31, with funds disbursed by the start of the fall semester.

Contact Information

For inquiries, application forms, or to submit materials, please email catholicfaithrevival@gmail.com. We encourage all eligible applicants to apply and share how their Catholic journey is shaping their future.