

The Journey of Faith Adult Education Scholarship
Jeremiah 29:11

Purpose of Scholarship:

1. Support adults who are returning to school to pursue careers that serve others.
2. Support and thank adults for their active involvement at St. Matthew.
3. Encourage adult students to continue in their Catholic faith.

Scholarship Awards:

1. One \$5000 scholarships to be awarded each year.
2. \$2500 will be awarded before the start of an adult student's first year returning to school and the remaining \$2500 after the student completes their second full year.
3. The second installment of \$2500 will be awarded after the adult student completes his/her second year of college/graduate school/technical school following confirmation of ongoing active participation at St. Matthew or a Catholic parish/campus community, student in good standing, and vocation consistent with criteria established for the scholarship (item #3 below).

Scholarship Criteria:

1. Adults registered at St. Matthew.
2. Adults who are active in ministry programs at St. Matthew
3. Adult student intends to pursue a degree/vocation in health care, teaching, youth ministry, social work, military, or priesthood/ religious life.
4. St. Matthew staff members are eligible.

Process to Apply and Due Dates

1. Adult students must submit the application by **March 31, 2020** electronically to **journey@stmatthewcatholic.org** or by hard copy to the church office in an envelope marked "The Journey of Faith Adult Scholarship".
2. The Selection Committee will review the applications and identify a winner. The Selection Committee, at its discretion, may identify several finalists and conduct interviews to discern a winner. Interviews, if required, will take place in May.
3. The Selection Committee will recommend the winner to the Pastor.
4. The winner will be notified promptly (target May 1). Adult students who are not selected will also be notified at this time.
5. The selection committee consists of three people from the Faith Formation staff, one deacon of St. Matthew, and one member of the Parish Community.

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Contact Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Expected Graduate School, College or Technical School Information:

School Name:

School City and State:

Intended Degree and Vocation:

Application Questions (please attach responses to application form):

- 1. Describe your involvement at St. Matthew - Ministry Programs (no more than 300 words):*
- 2. Describe why you are pursuing your intended degree (no more than 300 words):*
- 3. Describe how this scholarship award would help you (no more than 300 words):*

Certification:

I certify that I am an active member of St. Matthew and the information above is true and accurate.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Send completed application and essays to: journey@stmatthewcatholic.org or provide hard copy to the St, Matthew Church Office in an envelope marked "The Journey of Faith Adult Education Scholarship" by March 31, 2020.

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