

## **The Journey of Faith Scholarship**

*Jeremiah 29:11*

### **Purpose of Scholarship:**

1. Support students pursuing careers that serve others.
2. Support and thank students for involvement in St. Matthew youth ministry and faith formation programs.
3. Encourage students to continue in their Catholic faith beyond St. Matthew.

### **Scholarship Awards:**

1. Three \$5000 scholarships to be awarded each year.
2. \$2500 will be awarded before the start of a student's freshman year and the remaining \$2500 after the student completes their sophomore year.
3. The second installment of \$2500 will be awarded after the student completes his/her second year of college following confirmation of ongoing participation in a Catholic parish/campus community, student in good standing, and major consistent with criteria established for the scholarship (item #3 below).

### **Scholarship Criteria:**

1. High School Senior whose family is registered at St. Matthew.
2. Students are active in high school youth ministry programs at St. Matthew (Life Teen, Catechist in Faith Formation, VBS volunteer/leader, etc.)
3. Student intends to pursue a degree and career in health care, teaching, youth ministry, social work, military (via ROTC or academy), or priesthood/ religious life.
4. Children/relatives of St. Matthew staff members are eligible.

### **Process to Apply and Due Dates**

1. Students must submit the application by **March 31, 2020** electronically to [journey@stmatthewcatholic.org](mailto:journey@stmatthewcatholic.org) or by hard copy to the church office in an envelope marked "The Journey of Faith Scholarship".
2. The Selection Committee will review the applications and identify three winners. The Selection Committee, at its discretion, may identify a finalist group (~5-8 students) who may be invited to a short interview with the Selection Committee. Interviews, if required, will take place in April.
3. The Selection Committee will recommend the winners to the Pastor.
4. Winners will be notified promptly (target May 1). Students who are not selected will also be notified at this time.
5. Scholarship winners will be announced publicly at the Baccalaureate Mass in early June.
6. The Selection Committee consists of three people from the Faith Formation staff who know the teens well, one deacon of St. Matthew, and one member of the Parish Community who has been active with the teens.

**The Journey of Faith Scholarship Application Form**  
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**Student Contact Information:**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

High School:

Expected Graduation Date (Month/Year):

**Parent Contact Information:**

Name:

Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

**College and Vocation Information:**

Expected College Name(s):

College City and State:

Intended Degree/Vocation:

**Application Questions (please attach responses to Application form):**

- 1. Describe your involvement in St. Matthew Faith Formation/Youth Ministry and Parish service and how they impacted you (no more than 300 words):*
  
- 2. Describe why you are pursuing your intended vocation (no more than 300 words):*
  
- 3. Describe how you intend to continue your involvement in a Catholic community while you attend college (no more than 300 words):*

**Certification:**

**I certify that the information above is true and accurate.**

**Signature of Student:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Send completed application and essays to: [journey@stmatthewcatholic.org](mailto:journey@stmatthewcatholic.org) or hard copy to the St. Matthew Church Office in an envelope marked "The Journey of Faith Scholarship" by March 31, 2020.**