

# **The Journey of Faith Scholarship**

*Jeremiah 29:11*

## **Purpose of Scholarship:**

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

## **Scholarship Awards:**

1. Two \$5000 scholarships to be awarded each year.
2. \$2500 will be awarded before the start of the individual's first year and the remaining \$2500 before the individual begins their third year.
3. The second installment of \$2500 will be awarded after the individual completes his/her second year of education contingent upon confirmation of ongoing participation in a Catholic parish/campus community, student in good standing, and a major or path of study consistent with criteria established for the scholarship (item #3 below).

## **Scholarship Criteria:**

1. High School Senior whose family is registered at St. Matthew or an adult who is a registered parishioner of St. Matthew
2. High school student is active in high school youth ministry programs at St. Matthew (Life Teen, Catechist in Faith Formation, VBS volunteer/leader, etc.); or an adult who is actively practicing their faith and serving in a parish ministry.
3. Individual is pursuing 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. Individuals must submit the application by **APRIL 15, 2025** using the online application form linked below or by hard copy (pdf linked below) to the church office in an envelope marked "The Journey of Faith Scholarship".
2. The Selection Committee will review the applications and identify two winners. The Selection Committee, at its discretion, may identify a finalist group and conduct interviews to discern winners. Interviews, if required, will take place in May.
3. The Selection Committee will recommend the winners to the Pastor.
4. Winners will be notified by **May 15, 2025** or earlier. Those individuals who are not selected will also be notified at this time. Scholarship winners will be announced publicly in the bulletin and at the Baccalaureate Mass on **June 2, 2025**.
5. The Selection Committee consists of three people from the three members of the Faith Formation and Youth Ministry staff who know the teens well, and two members of the Parish Community who have been active with the teens.

**[JOURNEY OF FAITH ONLINE APPLICATION](#)**  
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