



NATIVITY CATHOLIC CHURCH

2026 - ST. GERARD CIRCLE SCHOLARSHIP FUND



INSTRUCTIONS & APPLICATION For the Faith Based Student

St. Gerard Circle is pleased to announce the availability of one \$1,000 scholarship. Applications are available on the parish website at www.nativitycatholicchurch.org/scholarship or via google forms link at the bottom of these instructions.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a high school senior.
- Must be a registered parishioner of Nativity Catholic Church (family member or individual).
- Must be a resident of the Greater Brandon area (surrounding area to include Tampa, St. Petersburg, Lakeland, Plant City, etc.) and currently attending a local high school. (or homeschooled in the local Brandon area).
- Must apply to an accredited institution of higher learning (i.e. Junior College, 4-year college, university or technical institute).
- Have an academic standing of a 3.0 unweighted – grade point average.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Fully completed scholarship application.
2. Each applicant must submit a paragraph (**typed**) of approximately **50-100** words citing personal reasons addressing motivation for applying for this scholarship.
3. Each applicant must prepare an essay (**typed**) of no more than **500** words from one of the two topics listed on the application.
4. A counselor/county office superintendent *report must be submitted*.
5. Two letters of recommendation. Each must be from a different adult member of the applicant's school, church, community, club, who has known the applicant for at least three years. Adults cannot be relatives. Total of two letters required.

The judging process will be a panel of impartial judges that will review all applications presented and received by the **deadline on Monday, March 18, 2026. Applicants will be notified of award decisions no later than April 11, 2026.**

IMPORTANT: Be sure your application packet is **submitted no later than March 18, 2026. Incomplete packets or those received after the deadline will not be considered. Failure to meet all the requirements and provide documentation on time will disqualify the applicant)**

Any student who receives a scholarship award must contact the registrar at the college or school of learning where enrollment has been accepted for verification of enrollment. Verification must be forwarded to the St. Gerard Scholarship Chair at stgerardscholarship@gmail.com

Scholarship award money will then be forwarded directly to the financial aid office. Awards not claimed will be forfeited 16 months from the date presented at the St. Gerard's meeting on May 12, 2026.

SUBMIT COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS via GOOGLE FORMS LINK

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6he-r5BP5eaHyDrhD9-BHhas4jEv9CADmGGZBYoiy2BVqgQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

OR EMAIL stgerardscholarship@gmail.com

WITH QUESTIONS OR TO REQUEST MAILING ADDRESS. **All applicant information is kept confidential.*