

Sacred Heart Scholarship of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
In the Footsteps of Carlos Acutis

Application Form

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Please type or print clearly

1	Last Name:	First Name
2	Mailing Address:	
	Street:	
	City	State Zip Code
3	Daytime Telephone Number ()	
	Email Address	
4	Date of Birth	Month Day Year Gender
5	Cumulative Grade Point Average (On a 4.0 scale)	
	Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript required.	
6	Name and location of High School attending:	
7	A. List any academic honors awards, and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:	
8	A. If you have decided on what college you will attend, please list the school's name: B. If not, list your top 3 college choices:	

Essay Questions

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- 1. Why is your Catholic faith important to you?**
- 2. What kind of service have you provided or intend to provide for your parish?**
- 3. How have you grown in faith through this service?**
- 4. What does The Holy Mass mean to you, and why is it important to attend Mass weekly?**

Optional: Provide pictures of the activities related to these questions, which show your participation.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Endowment/Scholarship

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the Sacred Heart of OLMC in the Footsteps of Carlos Acutis scholarship, applicants must meet the following baseline requirements:

1. The candidate must reside in the United States.
2. The candidate must be a member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for 2 years.
3. The candidate must be a high school senior graduating from an accredited public, private or parochial high school in the United States of America and embarking to study in an undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university, community college, or a Vocational/Technical Program.
4. All applications must be postmarked by February 1.

A. Faith & Congregational Alignment

This is the core differentiator for a religious scholarship. It establishes the applicant's active connection to the faith tradition.

- **Active Membership:** The applicant must be a documented, active member of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for at least two years.
- **Letter of Recommendation from a Spiritual Leader:** A mandatory letter from the pastor, priest, or church leader verifying the applicant's good standing, character, and spiritual involvement.
- **Faith Alignment Statement:** A personal testimony or essay demonstrating how the applicant lives out the core values, tenets, or missions of the specific faith tradition.

B. Academic & Enrollment Standards

These criteria ensure that the funds are being used responsibly toward a structured educational goal.

- **Minimum GPA:** A minimum GPA of 2.5 and higher on a 4.0 scale.
- **Enrollment Status:** Must be accepted as a full-time student (typically 12+ credit hours for undergraduates) at an accredited institution.
- **Letter of Recommendation:** A letter from an individual who could be a teacher, advisor, or program director at your high school. Choose a person who best represents the important aspects of your accomplishments and provides us with a true picture of your academic background.

C. Community Involvement & Leadership

Religious organizations heavily value service and outward-facing leadership.

- **Religious Community Service:** Demonstration of active volunteer work within Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. (e.g., youth group, mission trips, Vacation Bible School, or music ministry). See **Attachment A** for a more detailed list of opportunities.
- **Broader Civic Service:** Consistent participation in non-profit, charity, or community volunteer hours outside of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. See **Attachment A** for a more detailed list of opportunities.
- **Community Service:** A resume listing your extracurricular activities, school activities, volunteer work, internship and work experiences, leadership roles and/or church activities, etc. Please include it on a separate page. Recommended length: 100-150 words per prompt.

D. Adult Mentoring:

See Attachment B

E. Selection Committee:

See Attachment B

F. Definitions

See Attachment C

G. Signature Page

Attachment A

Religious Community Service Opportunities:

- Participating in Adoration
- Participating in ministries such as altar server, lector, usher, etc.
- Participating in the Youth Group to include a leadership role and mentoring
- Mission trips (participation in and fundraising for)
- Fundraising: planning, organizing, and executing a successful fundraiser
- Participation in music as a choir singer, instrumentalist, or bell choir
- Active participation in Vacation Bible School and mentoring the younger youth
- PSR volunteer work

Broader Civic Service Opportunities:

- Charity donation (donating used clothing, Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul)
- Food Pantry serving/donations to feed the poor
- Visiting the Sick/Homebound (nursing home visit)
- Other outside volunteer opportunities not listed above