



St. Joseph's HOPE Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2020

- **Grand Scholarship:** \$500 that can be used for tuition, fees, and books.
- **Deadline:** Monday, June 15, 2020
- **Requirements:**
 1. **Must be attending college in the Fall of 2020.**
 2. **Must demonstrate community service involvement (a letter confirming service is required)**
 - a. **Extra points will be awarded for involvement in the Back of the Yards community and/or St. Joseph Parish. A letter confirming service is required.**
 3. **Application must be complete and signed.**
 4. **Letter of recommendation from a teacher or counselor.**
 5. **All three essays must be included with this application. These are three separate individual one page essays.**
 6. **Copy of most current school transcripts. Unofficial transcripts can be accepted.**
 7. **If student is awarded this scholarship, he or she must submit confirmation of the university or college he or she will be attending in the Fall of 2020. Examples are: class schedule, confirmation of registration payment, and housing confirmation.**
 8. **Past HOPE Scholarship winners will NOT be considered.**

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I. PERSONAL DATA

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Telephone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

Email Address: _____ Birthdate _____

Household Structure (Please Check One Box):

- Two Parent Household
- One Parent Household
- One Parent Passed Away

How many people are in your household? _____

How many under the age of 18? _____

How many people will be attending college in the fall (including yourself)? _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School _____

School Address _____

Telephone _____

Name of Counselor _____

Where have you applied for your post-secondary education (colleges or universities)?

Expected date of enrollment in college (month/year) _____

Name of university/college you expect to attend _____

CURRENT WORK EXPERIENCE

Are you currently employed? Yes _____ No _____ if so, please complete:

Employer _____

Address _____

Job Title and Responsibilities:

How long have you worked there? _____

Hours per week: _____

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II. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Please check any of the following that hold true to you:

- Single parent household
- Single income household
- Both parents are unemployed
- DREAMer
- High medical bills
- Recent death in immediate family
- Other (describe below)

Describe any additional special circumstances relating to your financial or personal situation that should be considered while determining your eligibility for this scholarship.

Where do you plan to live? Circle one: On Campus Apartment With Parent/Family

Where? (if you know) _____

Do you contribute to the support of anyone other than yourself (i.e. help parents with bills)?

Yes _____ No _____ how much? \$ _____/month.

Do you expect to receive any money for living expenses from your parents or family members? _____

If yes, how much per month? _____

Have you applied to FAFSA? _____ If yes, what is your Expected Family Contribution? _____

Have you applied for or already been awarded other scholarship(s)?

Yes _____ No _____ if so; indicate the type and amount of assistance.

| NAME | AMOUNT (actual or estimate) | CHECK IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED ANSWER |
|-------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | Yes ____ No ____ |
| _____ | _____ | Yes ____ No ____ |
| _____ | _____ | Yes ____ No ____ |

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III. SPECIAL ACTIVITIES (Be as specific as possible)

Describe any special awards and/or recognitions you've acquired in the past year.

Describe your involvement in volunteer activities. Be specific: list organization, length of involvement, positions held etc. (If involvement was in the Back of the Yards community and/or St. Joseph please specify)

Proof of involvement is required through a letter from organization coordinator.

| <u>Organization</u> | <u>Hours/Week</u> | <u>Duration (# of months /years)</u> | <u>Role/Position</u> |
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IV. ESSAY QUESTIONS

Question number one is mandatory and *additionally* you must answer two out of the three remaining questions. Provide specific examples when answering the questions.

The requirements for EACH of the three essays are: Minimum of one page per essay, 12 point, Times New Roman font, double spaced and 1 inch margins.

Please refer to the graphic organizer on page six to help prepare each of your essays.

Note: There are three different essays. One essay per question.

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MANDATORY:

1. God has given you a special talent and a gift. What do you believe it is? How will you use these talents and gifts to change the world around you?

CHOOSE TWO OUT OF THESE:

2. What does hope mean to you? Why do you think it is important to have?
3. Why is volunteering and giving back to the community important to you? How has volunteerism affected your life?
4. Back of the Yards and other inner city communities are regularly in the news for violence and gang activity. What do you think can be done by young adults like yourself and your peers to change that negative portrayal of these communities?

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V. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION

***With this application, please submit a letter of recommendation from your counselor or a teacher. Please have your recommender use school letterhead and give you the letter in a sealed envelope with their signature across the envelope flap.**

VI. REVIEW AND SIGN

Please review the application and make sure that every section is completed and that the required documents are attached.

Checklist:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Every section complete | <input type="checkbox"/> Letter of Recommendation Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter supporting church/community involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Three Individual Essays Attached |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most current transcript | <input type="checkbox"/> Signature |

I certify that all the information I provided on this application as well as any information on supporting documents I am submitting is true to the best of my knowledge. I also give St. Joseph Parish permission to use any of the submitted materials for any business-related purpose, including press releases and other marketing and promotional materials.

Signature

Date

If under 18 years of age, please have parent/legal guardian sign below to grant you permission to be considered for this scholarship and agree to above statement.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date

Deadline: All application materials must be turned in to St. Joseph Parish Rectory by **June 15, 2020. No exceptions.**

A scholarship review committee will make decisions and award announcements will be made no later than July 13, 2020. Disbursement of award will be detailed at that time.

Applications can be sent or hand-delivered to:

St. Joseph Parish
Attn: Scholarship Committee
4821 S. Hermitage Avenue
Chicago, IL 60609

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail:
StJosephParishChicago@gmail.com

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Graphic Organizer to help you prepare your responses for your essays.

Use the following graphic organizer to pre-write your essay. Your essay should be at least 5 paragraphs long. Each square represents one paragraph. Each paragraph should have at least 4 sentences. Once you have finished with each square you will turn this pre-write into a full essay.

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| Paragraph 2: Reason 1 & 3 Supporting Details | Paragraph 3: Reason 2 & 3 Supporting Details |
| Paragraph 4: Reason 3 & 3 Supporting Details | Conclusion Paragraph5: 1. Restate your opinion in different words |
| <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 60%; margin: 0 auto; padding: 10px;"><p>Introduction Paragraph 1:</p><ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Introduction sentence.2. State your opinion.3. Briefly state 3 reasons.</div> | |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none">2. Briefly restate reasons or new reasons3. Summary sentence | |