

**ST. BERNARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND
A Ministry of St. Bernard Church
275 Tower Hill Road
NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852**

February 1, 2024

Dear High School Senior:

The St. Bernard Scholarship Fund Committee is once again accepting applications for scholarships for higher education. Three \$2,500 scholarships are available as a result of direct contributions and fund-raisers such as the St. Bernard Scholarship Quilt Raffle.

The St. Bernard Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to young men and women of St. Bernard parish who are seeking higher education, whether it be in a one year program at a technical or vocational school, a two year program leading to a certificate or associate's degree, or a four year college degree.

The requirements for application are that the student must be a high school senior and a registered parishioner of St. Bernard parish who has received the sacrament of Confirmation and who regularly attends Mass. The applicant must have been accepted or is seeking admission to an accredited institution of higher learning. Scholarship applicants are evaluated based on four criteria: academics, financial need, civic/community involvement, and parish participation. **Student scholarship applications, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and all other materials are kept strictly confidential.**

Scholarship recipients are selected by a committee comprised of individuals from outside of St. Bernard parish and the North Kingstown area. The Selection Committee will notify all applicants of their standing via first class mail in late May.

All high school seniors of St. Bernard parish are encouraged to apply. Applications are available at the Parish Center and on the parish web site at www.stbernardnk.org. The deadline for returning an application is April 15, 2024.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact us at (401) 207-5206.

Sincerely,

Matt & Renee Reis
Chairpersons, St. Bernard Scholarship
Fund Committee

ST. BERNARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

The St. Bernard Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce the availability of three \$2,500 scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a high school senior and a registered parishioner of St. Bernard Parish who has received the sacrament of Confirmation and who regularly attends Mass. The applicant must be seeking admission or has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning.
- **Academics, financial need, civic/community involvement and parish participation** are the criteria used by the Selection Committee to determine scholarship recipients. Please note service hours for confirmation separately from other parish participation.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Fully completed and signed St. Bernard **Scholarship Application**.
2. Each applicant must prepare **a one page statement of approximately 250 words** explaining his or her vocational or professional goals, extra curricula activities, and family status (i.e. brothers, sisters, ages, school attending).
3. **An official transcript** of the applicant's high school grades must be provided. Please note, the transcript must be signed by a school's official representative.
4. **Three signed letters of recommendation** from persons not related to the applicant must also be sent. One each from a high school teacher, one from a civic/community agency/person and one from Father Gaffney, pastor of St Bernard parish.
5. Copy of **Student Aid Report (SAR)** disclosing the government calculated "SAI" Student Aid Index.

The package of information must be completed in full and returned by **April 15, 2024**
Materials and information requested above may be sent individually or in a package to:

**ST. BERNARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND
275 TOWER HILL ROAD
NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852**

It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all of the above information is submitted by April 15. Failure to meet all of the information requirements will disqualify an applicant. If you have any questions or simply wish to confirm that your application and other information has been received, please call Matt or Renee Reis, Chairpersons, St. Bernard Scholarship Fund Committee at (401) 207-5206. All applicant information is kept confidential.

St. Bernard Scholarship Application - Return by: April 15, 2024

Full Name: _____ Tel No.: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Current School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Father's/Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Mother's/Guardian Name: _____ Occupation: _____

Names of Siblings: _____ Age: _____ School and Grade: _____

Number of years as registered parishioners of St. Bernard's Parish: _____

Which universities, colleges or schools have you applied and/or been accepted:

Which do you plan to attend: _____ Anticipated major: _____

List here or an attachment the school, community and parish activities in which you have participated:

Financial Statement:

1 Indicate your school expenses for the year including:
tuition, room and board (if applicable), and books \$ _____

2 Indicate financial resources to meet expenses:

Applicant savings \$ _____ Applicant job income \$ _____

SAI \$ _____ (See note below) Other \$ _____

Applicants are expected to complete the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA), which will determine your "Student Aid Index" (SAI). The SAI figure will assist our selection committee in determining the financial need of our applicants. Please attached a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) as verification of your SAI.

3 Indicate other scholarship awards applied for and/or received, and amounts:

I certify the above information to be correct to the best of my knowledge, that I am a high school senior who is a registered parishioner of St. Bernard Parish, who has received the sacrament of Confirmation and who regularly attends Mass. I anticipate enrolling in an accredited institution of higher learning in the Fall of 2024.

Student's Signature _____ Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Mail to: St. Bernard Scholarship Fund, 275 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown, RI 02852