

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA FOR THE FR. BOB HOEFLER SCHOLARSHIP

- Purpose:** The Fr. Bob Hoefler Scholarship awards scholarships to two (2) high school seniors who are seeking a post-secondary education at an accredited institution and who are registered parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church based on demonstrated academic achievement, service and financial need.
- Awarding Body:** Scholarships will be awarded by a Scholarship Award Committee comprised of five (5) parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with two (2) members from the Pastoral Council, two (2) members from the Board of Education and the Pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, or his designee. No member of the Scholarship Award Committee shall consider or take part in the evaluation of any application submitted by a child, step-child, grandchild, niece or nephew of that member.
- Criteria:** The students eligible for assistance must be graduating high school seniors and who have been a registered parishioner of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in West Des Moines, Iowa for a period of two (2) continuous years prior to the award date and who intend to continue their education at an accredited post-secondary school or institution of higher learning. Qualifications and requirements for the scholarship are:
1. The student must have at least 25 verifiable service hours during his or her junior and senior years of high school. Proof of these service hours shall be submitted with the application.
 2. The student must have maintained a minimum high school GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale or equivalent.
 3. The student must submit a completed scholarship application form.
 4. The student must submit high school transcript.
 5. The student's family must complete Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form/process. Submit only the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Print off of the family summary and EFC amount only.
 6. The student must write an essay of 500 words or less on a topic specified by the Scholarship Award Committee. This years the topic for the essay will be: **How do you live out the Peace Prayer of Saint Francis in your daily life and how will it impact your future decisions.** Each year a rubric will be provided to applicants which will detail essay criteria for that year's topic.
 7. Consideration will be given to academic achievement, financial need, essay content, and the student's community service record as determined to be appropriate by the Scholarship Award Committee. The decision of the Scholarship Award Committee is final and not subject to appeal.

Guidelines: Scholarships will be awarded on an annual basis and disbursed in equal payments in August and January. Students must continue to attend (minimum of 12 semester hours) maintain at least than a 2.50 grade-point average (or equivalent) and proof of that GPA shall be provided in the form of certified transcripts prior to the January disbursement being made.

Amount: Each scholarship awarded will be \$5,000 annually to be paid in two equal installments.

Deadline: The application deadline is **April 6th, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.** The deadline is the date after which applications will no longer be accepted. The Scholarship Award Committee uses the postmarked date to determine mailed entries. Recipients of the awards will be notified and are required to attend the SFA Parish High School Senior Mass and reception on May 2nd, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Renewal process: This scholarship is not renewable. Only high school seniors intending to **enroll** in an accredited post-secondary school or institution of higher learning are eligible to apply. Previous scholarship recipients cannot re-apply.

Submit: Please submit applications by April 6th, 2021 to:
Fr. Bob Hoefler Scholarship
ATTN: Scholarship Award Committee
7075 Ashworth Road
West Des Moines, Iowa 50266

THE FR. BOB HOEFLER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE STUDENT APPLICANT *(please print)*

Student's Name _____
Last First Middle

Student's Address _____
Number and Street City State Zip Code

Student's Home Phone Number () - Student's Cell Phone Number () -

Student's Email Address _____

Student's High School _____

At this time have you been awarded any other scholarships? _____ If yes, in what amount? _____

Parent's Name _____

Parent Email Address _____ Parent's Cell Phone Number _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Signature of Student _____

Questions? Please contact:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 7075 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, IA 50266
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The Fr. Bob Hoefler Scholarship Essay Assessment

	3 Strong	2 Effective	1 Developing	0 Inadequate
<u>Content</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity • Critical and original thought • Evidence and elaboration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideas are well developed • Clarity of purpose is exhibited throughout • Evidence of critical, careful thought and insight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of purpose is generally evident throughout • Good examples of careful thought and insight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some sense of purpose is maintained • Ideas may be vague or too broad • Some evidence of careful thought and insight 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarity of purpose is incompletely expressed • Little evidence of careful thought and insight
<u>Structure</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization • Flow of thought • Transitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper is logically organized • Writing is easy to follow • Effective, smooth, and logical transitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear organizational structure with some digressions • Writing is easy to follow • Basic transitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some level of organization, though digressions interrupt thought • Difficult to follow • Ineffective transitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No apparent organization • Difficult to follow • Poor or no transitions
<u>Language</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary • Word choice • Tone • Sentence structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary is sophisticated and correct • Sentence structure varies • Tone is clear, consistent and appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary is varied, specific, and appropriate • Tone is appropriate to audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary is used properly thought sentences may be simple • Tone shows some sensitivity to audience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vocabulary is basic and may not be used properly • Very simple sentences are used
<u>Grammar/mechanics</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spelling • Grammar • Punctuation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author makes no errors in spelling, grammar, or mechanics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author makes a few errors in spelling, grammar, or mechanics, but they do not interfere with understanding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author makes several errors in spelling, grammar, or mechanics that interfere with understanding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The author makes numerous errors in spelling, grammar, or mechanics that interfere with understanding.