

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 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: John 6: 51-58. Because we are given this privilege what duties/responsibilities come after it? 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.

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- 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 14, 2017 by 4:30pm**. 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. Awards will typically be made by May 15, 2017. Awards will be presented at the parish baccalaureate Mass and reception.
- 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.

Please submit applications by April 14th to:
Fr. Bob Hoefler Scholarship
ATTN: Scholarship Award Committee
7075 Ashworth Road
West Des Moines, Iowa 50266