

Saint Anthony Mary Claret

Roman Catholic Church

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TO: Saint Anthony Mary Claret Scholarship Applicant

Your parish community congratulates you on your anticipated graduation from high school this year. Four parish ministries:

- The Knights of Columbus Council #10090
- The Saint Anthony Mary Claret Men's Club
- The Ladies of Saint Anthony Mary Claret
- The Laude Homeschool Ministry

will award several \$500 scholarships to qualified parish high school seniors who are intent on pursuing higher education. Consideration to receive one of these awards will be based on the criteria outlined on the attached Scholarship Requirement Checklist. Review these carefully to determine whether you qualify.

All graduating High School Seniors planning to pursue higher education anytime during the 2024-2025 academic year are encouraged to apply.

The completed application packet must be postmarked by Friday, April 26, 2024.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind when applying:

- Strictly follow ALL of the application instructions.
- Use proper grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure – they are VERY important!
- ALL the required forms and paperwork *must accompany your application* or it will be considered incomplete and will be disqualified. None of the packet forms, such as the character profiles, should be submitted separately.

Sincerely,

Saint Anthony Mary Claret Scholarship Committee

“The charity of Christ urges us on.” – Saint Anthony Mary Claret

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET CATHOLIC CHURCH JOINT SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

I. Applicants must meet these criteria (use as your checklist):

- _____ A. Be a graduating high school senior.
- _____ B. Be a practicing member of Saint Anthony Mary Claret Catholic Church.
- _____ C. Have *received or are preparing to receive* the Sacrament of Confirmation.*

*** You MUST provide a COPY of your Confirmation certificate or proof of enrollment in Confirmation classes ONLY IF you were not Confirmed here at Saint Anthony Mary Claret or have not or are not attending classes for the preparation for Confirmation here at Saint Anthony Mary Claret. DO NOT SEND ORIGINALS.**

- _____ D. Have participated in documented service to the parish (or Catholic school, if applicable).
- _____ E. Have a GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) or higher.
- _____ F. Be entering a continuing education program such as college, trade school, internship, etc.
- _____ G. Submit a completed Saint Anthony Mary Claret Scholarship Application Form.
- _____ H. Submit an official Transcript. It must be issued by an appropriate school official, bearing a certification seal and placed in a sealed envelope. The High School Transcript must be issued March 1, 2024 or thereafter.
- _____ I. Submit three Character Profile forms from *non-relatives*, two of whom must be members of Saint Anthony Mary Claret Parish (excluding the pastor, immediate members of your own family, and members of the Scholarship Awards Committee). Letters of recommendation ARE NOT acceptable substitutes for these forms.
- _____ J. Submit a *typed, double-spaced* essay (maximum two pages). Staple the pages together. Attention and care should be given to **composition, punctuation, and grammar**. The essay must address ALL of the following:

1. Tell us about yourself and your family.
2. What involvement have you had in Holy Gospel-inspired activities, whether here at Saint Anthony Mary Claret parish or elsewhere? (If elsewhere, name the location.) Some examples include youth group, altar servers, catechesis, Saint Anthony Claret Pantry, homeless ministry, etc. Discuss a minimum of three.
3. What career are you pursuing and how did you reach this decision?
4. What contributions have you made to your own family, our parish, and the community?

- II. Applications *will be disqualified* for the following reasons:
- A. Failure to meet *any* of the application criteria (see Section I, letters A – J).
 - B. Incomplete or incorrect application (see Section I, letters C, G, H, I, J).
 - C. Failure to address specified topics in the essay (see Section I, J).
 - D. Unacceptable delivery method; failure to meet postmark deadline (see Section III).
 - E. False or misleading information.
- III. Method of submission must be as follows:
- A. Application packet must be sent by U.S. mail or other authorized carrier (e.g., Federal Express, UPS, etc.). ***Absolutely no hand-delivered or e-mailed applications will be accepted.***
 - B. It must be ***postmarked by Friday, April 26, 2024.***
 - C. Send to: Saint Anthony Mary Claret Parish Office
Attn: Scholarship Committee
6150 Roft Road
San Antonio TX 78253
- IV. Awarding of scholarships will take place as follows:
- A. Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of representatives from each of the awarding parish organizations, one member of the parish Pastoral Council and one member of the parish staff.
 - B. All winners will be announced and given a certificate at a Mass the third weekend of May 2024.
 - C. Scholarship proceeds will be made payable to the student and made available the first week of August, 2024, pending receipt of proof of enrollment which must be received in the parish office prior to payment being made.

VERY IMPORTANT: *It is the student's or the student's parents' responsibility to come into the parish office to claim his or her check. The check will be given only AFTER proof of actual enrollment has been provided to the parish office.*

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET CATHOLIC CHURCH
JOINT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Please TYPE or print CLEARLY.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home phone number: _____ Alternate phone number: _____

E-mail address: _____

High School: _____

Father's/Guardian's Full Name: _____

Mother's/Guardian's Full Name: _____

Are you a *practicing, registered* parishioner of Saint Anthony Mary Claret? Yes No

List the colleges, universities, trade schools, internship programs, etc. to which you've been accepted and the dates of acceptance.

What is your intended major or field of study? _____

I certify that all information submitted on this application, the accompanying essay, and other documents is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicant's Name: _____

SAINT ANTHONY MARY CLARET CATHOLIC CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP CHARACTER PROFILE

The success of our scholarship program relies on the prayerful selection of students who indicate promise of superior achievement while managing the challenges of continuing education. To assist us in completing our screening, we would appreciate your honest assessment of this applicant's personal character and interest in higher education. ***This completed form should be placed in a sealed envelope and given to the student so that he or she may submit it with the remainder of the application packet. Please DO NOT MAIL IT DIRECTLY to the church.***

(Please use item #4 on reverse to elaborate on any point.)

1. Your position/relationship with the applicant: _____
2. Dates you observed the applicant's character/academic performance:
From _____ (m/y) to _____ (m/y)
3. Please rate (X) those items ***of which you have knowledge:***

	3	4	5
	(average)	(above average)	(superior)
A. Parish involvement			
B. Values/Morals			
C. Self-discipline			
D. Persistence/Commitment			
E. Dependability/Stability			
F. Respect for self & others			
G. Social conduct/Reputation			
H. Humility			
I. Honesty/Integrity			
J. Decisiveness			
K. Communication skills (oral/written)			
L. Critical thinking/Problem solving			
M. Listening skills			
N. Quest for knowledge			
O. Career mission/vision			

Applicant's Name: _____

4. Please give a candid statement discussing the strengths and limitations of the applicant's character and academic profile.

Printed name	Signature	Title	Date
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Are you a registered parishioner at Saint Anthony Mary Claret parish? Yes or No

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

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