

THE MERENDA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

The Merenda Family Scholarship fund was established by St. Francis de Sales Parish to honor the Merenda Family and was funded with a portion of a bequest received from the estate of Frank Merenda. Scholarships will be awarded annually to St. Francis de Sales parishioners in good standing to:

- 1) Assist parishioners with the costs of Catholic education at the elementary or high school level;
- 2) Assist parishioners with the costs of college or trade school;
- 3) Assist parishioners with the costs of post secondary religious studies for priesthood or religious life.

ELIGIBILITY

The scholarship is open to members of St. Francis de Sales parish who are in good standing and who are either enrolled in a Catholic grammar or high school or who are attending a college or trade school or who are enrolled in post secondary religious studies for priesthood or religious life. The scholarship will be given for at least one year, with the possibility of renewal for additional years. Students who have received the award in the past should re-apply each year if they continue to fit the criteria. The number of recipients and the amount awarded shall be based on the amount of funds available.

FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED

- a) Financial need (40%)
- b) Academic history (20%)
- c) Community service (20%)
- d) Overcome challenges/obstacles (20%)

Minimum of \$1,000.00 in total to be awarded per year. Exact amount of each scholarship and number of scholarships to be awarded each year will be dependent on the number of applicants, the worthiness of the applicants, and the total amount to be awarded for that year.

Applications for the scholarship can be obtained at the school office or by contacting the St. Francis de Sales Parish Center, 180 Laurel Street, Bristol, CT 06010 either in person, by phone at 860-582-8169, or by email at francisdesalesoffice@gmail.com.

Scholarship to be awarded on or about April 10, 2026.

Scholarship recipients will be required to attend award ceremony unless excused by the Scholarship Committee.

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM NO LATER THAN MARCH 13, 2026
TO:

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
180 LAUREL STREET
BRISTOL, CT 06010

THE MERENDA FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

I. Applicant Information:

Name _____

Tel. No.: _____

Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____

II. Family Information:

Father's Full Name*: _____

Employer and Occupation _____

Gross Annual Income: _____

*If deceased please list date: _____

Mother's Full Name* _____

Employer and Occupation _____

Gross Annual Income: _____

*If deceased please list date: _____

List any siblings, their ages and where they are employed or in school. Do not list their names:

**See instructions if more space is needed.

Who do you live with?

Parents(s) _____

Guardian(s) _____

Enter the total number of members living in the household, including yourself, who are primarily supported by the Parent(s)/Guardian(s) listed above. _____

List any special circumstances that the Committee should be aware of. This can include anything to explain unusual financial circumstances (loss of employment, medical bills not covered by insurance, death in the family, support to extended family, loss of child support, etc.)

**See instructions if more space is needed.

What school do you currently attend?

What school will you attend next academic year?

What grade will you be entering next academic year?

III. List in chronological order the schools you have attended:

Name of School

Location

Dates Attended

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****See instructions if more space is needed.**

Based on the criteria of this scholarship, briefly state why you are the best candidate. The response only needs to be a sentence or two, and can include anything else you want the Committee to know, especially in relation to the eligibility requirements outlined above.

****See instructions if more space is needed.**

ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT REPORT CARD.

IV. School and Community Information:

List school, community and church activities you are involved in:

****See instructions if more space is needed.**

****IF MORE SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON A SEPARATE SHEET TO BE ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION.**

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