

Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Miami Beach, FL

**2021 Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Don and Mary Anne Shula Scholarship**

The St. Joseph Parish Don and Mary Anne Shula Scholarship (SJDMAS) awards \$2,500 annual scholarship for up to 4 years of Catholic High School to a student who meets the qualifications and it's selected by the scholarship committee. The applicant must meet the following qualifications:

1. Is completing the eighth grade and is entering the ninth grade at a Catholic or Public School, AND
2. Has been accepted at a Catholic High School in one of the Archdiocese of Miami High Schools, AND
3. The student and/or parent or guardian is a member of one of these four parishes: St. Francis de Sales, St. Patrick, St. Joseph and St. Mary Magdalene.

Guidelines for selection of applicants:

The following guidelines will assist Pastors as they offer the enclosed application to their parishioners:

1. The applicant must practice his/her Catholic faith.
2. The applicant's family needs to be a registered member of the parish.
3. The applicant attends the eighth grade at a Catholic School, or if the applicant attends a public school, the applicant attends a Parish Religious Education Program.
4. The applicant actively participates in service or leadership role in the Church or Parish.
5. The applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
6. The applicant must maintain the standards of positive behavior and high moral turpitude.
7. The applicant demonstrates above average effort by participating in voluntary work and extracurricular activities.
8. The applicant does not have a history of disciplinary issues or criminal involvement.
9. Students are invited to apply even if they are in the process of being accepted by a Catholic High School. A letter of acceptance must be included in the scholarship application packet.
10. All winners will be required to provide proof of registration to the Catholic High School prior to awarding the scholarship. If the student decides to not join the Catholic High school, the award is forfeited.

Criteria for maintaining scholarship award

The SJDMAS scholarship may be revoked at any time if the student does not comply with the following:

1. Does not maintain an annual GPA of at least 3.0
 - Provide school transcript or grades report after the end of each school year
2. If the student does not participate in Parish activities, voluntary work, and extracurricular activities, the scholarship may be revoked.
 - The student may provide evidence of participation via a letter from the leader of any activity that he/she participated documenting the student's involvement through the school year
3. If the student engages in unethical or unlawful behavior, bullying, or any behavior unbecoming of a member of his/her Parish community.
 - As reported to the SJDMAS committee

Rules for scholarship award

1. For Students entering the freshman year, the scholarship consists of 4 annual payments of \$2,500 each, as follows:
 - a. 9th grade: \$2,500
 - b. 10th Grade: \$2,500
 - c. 11th Grade: \$2,500
 - d. 12th Grade: \$2,500
2. The annual amount of \$2,500 will be disbursed from the scholarship fund directly to the student's High School office each year.

All applications are due on at the Saint Joseph Parish Office *no later than* Friday, January 29, 2021. Please mail or deliver applications to:

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
8670 Byron Avenue
Miami Beach, FL 33141
Attention: Scholarship Committee

Thank you for your interest in the Saint Joseph Church scholarship.

Good luck!

Saint Joseph Church Scholarship Application Packet Cover sheet

Please make sure your application is complete and include ALL of the documents requested. Incomplete applications will not be considered for award.

- Please write legibly when filling out the application. Applications that are not legible will not be considered for award.
- The short essays should be typed or written in a legible manner.

Documents included in this packet	✓
1. Letter of recommendation from the Pastor or the Parish DRE	
2. Letter of recommendation from the principal or a professor of the school they currently attend.	
3. Parents' Income tax return from the current and previous years (please black out all social security numbers)	
4. Short Essay (typed, no more than 200 words): <i>Why do I want to pursue a High School Catholic Education?</i>	
5. Short Essay (typed, no more than 200 words): <i>What contribution(s) have I provided or can I provide to my Parish community?</i>	

Saint Joseph Church Scholarship Application

Applicant Information

Name of Applicant: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

(Street)

(City)

State

Zip code

Applicant's Email: _____

Year entering High School: _____ Current G.P.A.: _____

Have you been accepted at a Catholic High School? ___ Yes ___ No

Which Catholic High School do you plan to attend? _____

Parent/Guardian Information

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____

(Street)

(City)

State

Zip code

Parent/guardian's Email: _____

Parish that the applicant/family is Registered: _____

Please answer the following questions. You may use a separate page to elaborate on your answers.

1. Which Sacraments have you received (check all that apply)?
___ Baptism ___ Reconciliation ___ Confirmation Other: _____
2. List your participation in any Parish Ministry, group or volunteer, etc.
3. List your participation in any extracurricular activities (sports, employment, non-religious volunteer work, etc.)
4. Have you ever received a disciplinary action? ___ Yes ___ No
5. Please let us know of any extenuating circumstances that we should take into consideration when evaluating this application.

Please answer the following question in no more than 200 words. You may use a separate sheet of paper for each answer. *(Attach separate essay pages)*

1. Why do I want to pursue a High School Catholic Education?

2. What contribution(s) have I provided or can I provide to my Parish community?

I attest that all of my answers in this application are true.

Applicant signature

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date

Please attach all of the following items to the application form:

1. A letter of recommendation from the Pastor or the Parish DRE
2. A letter of recommendation from the principal or a professor of the school they currently attend.
3. Parents' Income tax return from the current and previous year *(please black out all social security numbers)*
4. Two short essays, typed, of no more than two hundred words, written by the student, answering each of the two questions:
 - Why do I want to pursue a High School Catholic Education?
 - What contribution(s) have I provided or can I provide to my Parish community

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: to reduce tuition cost to parents in the State of Florida, several scholarships are being offered to qualifying families. Information on each scholarship can be found on their website listed below:

AAA - www.aaascholarships.org

SUFS - www.stepupforstudents.org (StepUp)

FES - www.stepupforstudents.org/lower-income-scholarships-ftc-fes/ (Families Empowerment Scholarship)

INFORMACION ADICIONAL: En un esfuerzo por reducir el costo de la matrícula para los padres en el estado de la Florida, se ofrecen varias becas a familias que califiquen. La información sobre cada beca se puede encontrar en su sitio web que se enumera a continuación:

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(Families Empowerment Scholarship)