

St. Patrick Parish Education Trust  
Violeta Diaz Scholarship Application Instructions and Terms

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 5:00 p.m. (No exceptions).
2. Refer to criteria and application process below for eligibility requirements and a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
3. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
4. You will be notified by mail in July regarding the status of your application.
5. If you have any questions about the application process, please email: parish@stpatrickmiamibeach.com.

**Purpose:**

Through the generous donation of a deceased St. Patrick Parish parishioner, Violeta Diaz, a scholarship has been established for parishioners of St. Patrick Parish who are applying to or are currently enrolled in college, show academic promise, are in good standing with the practice of their Catholic faith, and can demonstrate economic need.

**Award Components:**

The St. Patrick Parish Education Trust will select award recipients who will receive up to \$10,000 in annual tuition-only scholarship for up to a maximum of two years (for a two year college degree) or up to a maximum of four years (for a four year college degree). The exact amount awarded will be determined by the award committee.

**Award Criteria:**

1. The applicant must be a college level student. This includes high school students applying for college or students currently attending college, and meeting the rest of the scholarship's criteria. The college term may be either a two or four year program and may include public or private universities, community colleges, technical, or vocational schools.
2. The applicant must be a member of St. Patrick Parish with a minimum of two years of continual registration or participation as a member of the church.
3. The applicant must be in good standing with the practice of their Catholic Faith. This will be determined by the pastor of St. Patrick Parish and may include but not be limited to regular church attendance and/or participation in some sort of ministry or parish activity.
4. The applicant must exhibit academic promise and have a minimum GPA of 2.75 out of a potential 4.0, or a minimum of 3.4 out of a potential 5.0. The minimum GPA must be continually maintained throughout their college career for funding to be renewed each year.
5. The applicant must demonstrate economic need. The financial situation of the applicant or, if applicable, the applicant's family as a whole, will be considered when determining economic need.

**Application Process:**

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly).
2. Letter of application addressed to the St. Patrick Parish Education Trust Selection Committee stating their intent to apply for the scholarship.
3. Two (2) character references in the form of a letter of recommendation.
4. A copy of their most recent High School or College transcript with cumulative grade point average.
5. A copy of the applicant's (and/or the family's, if applicable) income tax return for the most recent three years.
6. A copy of the applicant's FAFSA form (Application for Federal Student Aid form).
7. A copy of the financial aid award letter from the college or university.
8. Personal Essay written by the applicant (in 600 words or less) outlining how they think a higher education will help them serve others in the Spirit of Christ.

**Deadline** for the application is **5:00 PM Wednesday, June 5, 2024**. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered. No emailed, or incomplete applications will be considered.

**Announcement of Scholarship Recipients: July 2024**

**Special Provisions:**

1. Scholarship funds are to be used for tuition purposes only and will be issued directly to the recipient's campus, if possible, and may not be used to pay back college loans of any kind.
2. Applicant must provide evidence of enrollment or registration in a two or four year educational institution that meets the requirements of the St. Patrick Parish Education Trust.
3. In the event the Applicant receives scholarship funds, the Applicant's image and likeness may be used and published in public connection with the scholarship and in furtherance of the purposes of the scholarship.
4. The scholarship may be revoked, rescinded, suspended or terminated without cause for any reason, including without limitation, the failure of the Applicant to maintain the minimum GPA that was required for the initial award.

**Please mail OR submit application in person to:**

St. Patrick Church  
Attn: St. Patrick Parish Education Trust  
3716 Garden Ave  
Miami Beach, FL 33140