

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church

Drs. John J. and Margaret T. Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund

APPLICATION YEAR: 2024

Dr. John J. Clark and Dr. Margaret T. Clark (*husband and wife*) were devoted members of Saint Mary Magdalen Parish (the "Parish"). They understood the importance of education. John and Margaret Clark directed that a gift be made through their estate to endow scholarships for students who are or were members of Saint Mary Magdalen Parish toward their post-secondary education.

Annually, one eligible student will be selected to receive a scholarship for two (2) years of undergraduate tuition at the college, university, or trade school of their choice.

The annual scholarship amount is \$5,000 per year for up to 2 years. The scholarship will be funded with proceeds from Drs. John J. and Margaret T. Clark Memorial Scholarship Fund (the "Fund").

ELIGIBILITY

- The applicant must have attended Saint Mary Magdalen School or the Saint Mary Magdalen Parish Religious Education Program ("PREP").

CRITERIA

Academic Achievement:

- High School—The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or an average of "B" through the first semester of their senior year.
- College/University/Trade School—the Clark Memorial Scholarship recipient must satisfactorily complete each academic year per the standards of his or her college, university, or trade school (to receive the scholarship for the following year, if applicable).
- Service—The applicant should have actively been involved in service to their schools and/or community throughout high school and continue through college.

- Leadership, Activities, and/or Work Experience—The applicant's leadership, participation in extracurricular activities, and work experience during high school will be considered in the selection process.
- Catholic Faith—The applicant must be actively practicing their Roman Catholic faith.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The applicant must complete and submit the digital application ([APPLICATION LINK](#)) online by **April 22, 2024**.

Please submit any questions via email to clarkscholarship@stmarymagdalen.net.

2. The applicant must include one letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or guidance counselor. The applicant should provide their chosen high school counselor or teacher with this [APPLICATION PART II LINK](#) of the Clark Scholarship Fund application for submission of their letter of recommendation. The applicant should follow up with their teacher or counselor to ensure their letter's submission to the Scholarship Fund before the above deadline closure.

3. Include a copy of the applicant's High School Transcript with this application. The applicant may directly attach by uploading an 'unofficial' transcript or request a copy of their 'official' HS transcript directly through their high school's academic office.

The applicant should provide their high school administrators with this [APPLICATION PART II LINK](#) for the Clark Scholarship Fund's application for his or her requested submission of an 'official' copy of the transcript from their school. As applicable, the applicant is encouraged to follow up with their school to ensure their request and submission prior to the above deadline closure of application.

4. Complete the Service, Activities, and Work Sections included in the application. This section of the application should reflect school and community activities and any awards and recognition you have received during high school.

5. Prepare and include a personal statement discussing the importance of his or her Catholic Faith (maximum of 500 words) in the digital application.

6. Finalists may be interviewed by the Saint Mary Magdalen Scholarship Committee in May.

7. The Saint Mary Magdalen Scholarship Committee will notify and announce the Clark Memorial Scholarship recipient by **May 31, 2024**.

EDUCATION POSTPONEMENT

If the winner chooses to postpone their college education, the scholarship may be reserved for up to one year from the award date.