

# **Our Lady of the Pines Society Scholarship Instructions and Application**

Our Lady of the Pines Society (OLOP) has an annual Scholarship Award Program. It is the intent of the Society to grant one annual scholarship in the sum of **one thousand dollars (\$1,000)** to a qualified student, registered with St. Katharine Drexel Parish. Said scholarship to be awarded at a regular scheduled OLOP Society meeting.

## **AWARD GUIDELINES**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The scholarship will be awarded primarily on the basis of time and talent given by the applicant to St. Katharine Drexel Parish. The scholarship is intended for a graduating high school senior. Should no graduating applicant meet the approval of the scholarship committee, current and past parishioners currently enrolled in a university, college or trade school will be considered. In the event that no student is approved by the committee; no scholarship will be awarded.

**CANDIDATE SELECTION:** Procedures for selecting the successful candidate shall include the candidates' written application and essay. **Written application may be suspended where candidate is able to show hardship in meeting these criteria. Hardship suspension requests shall be submitted to, and may be approved by, the St. Katharine Drexel Parish Pastor or the Scholarship Committee prior to the final filing date of the written application.**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:** Completed applications **MUST BE MAILED and MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN THE FINAL FILING DATE** (See page 3).

**THANK YOU FOR APPLYING AND GOOD LUCK!**

Note: Questions regarding the Application should be directed to any member of the Scholarship Committee.

### **2024 Committee Members**

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# The Our Lady of the Pines Society Scholarship Application

Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

St. Katharine Drexel Parish Community in which you are an active participant: (check below)

Our Lady of the Pines\_\_\_ St. Katharine Drexel\_\_\_ Sacred Heart\_\_\_.

Year of High School Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_.

University/College/Trade School where you will further your education:

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**(Name and address of school)**

On separate sheets of paper, please summarize your involvement in the following:

**I. Parish Activities** in which you have participated:

- a. Attach a short summary description of each and include dates where applicable. (For example; altar server, religious education participant, youth group, etc.)
- b. Ask the adult program director of each activity to verify your participation, by initialing each activity.

**II. School/Home Activities** in which you were or are involved including dates.

**III. Community Activities** in which you are (or were) an active participant including dates.

#### **IV. ESSAY:**

On a separate sheet of paper submit your essay on this year's topic:  
Essay must be no longer than four hundred words.

*Scripture talks quite a lot about how God brings good out of suffering (Romans 5:3-5, James 1:2-4, Hebrews 12:10-11). For example, Joseph was sold into slavery and put into jail, but told his brothers, "...do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life" (Gen 45:5). God can transform our pain and suffering to bring goodness into our lives and into the lives of others. Have you experienced or witnessed suffering where you could see God using adversity to accomplish His plan? Please explain.*

Submit application pages (2 & 3) with attached written summaries, the essay, and your verification of parish activities, to the address listed below. Please type wherever possible.

Applicant names will be masked during the judging process to ensure that each applicant is judged solely upon his/her submitted application. Only in the unlikely event of a tie, the Scholarship Committee reserves the right to give preference to a parishioner applicant from Our Lady of the Pines.

- Submitted applications will be reviewed and judged within ten days after final filing date. All applicants will be notified by mail of their results. The winning applicant will be also notified by telephone by a Scholarship Committee member.
- If possible, winner will be invited to an upcoming OLOP meeting where he/she will be acknowledged and asked to briefly relate his/her college plans and goals. Your submitted essay may be read to the Society members in attendance, and may be published in the Pine Times, a quarterly publication of Our Lady of the Pines Society.
- Winner will be asked to provide the Society with sufficient form of written documentation supporting the applicant's acceptance into the college or trade school listed on the Scholarship Application submitted by the applicant.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

**This completed application with attachments must be MAILED/POSTMARKED no later than Monday, April 8, 2024. (Hand delivered applications not accepted.)**

**Mail to: Gary Sims  
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