



The Reverend Alfred R. Merusi Memorial Scholarship

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish
109 Goodwill Avenue, Meriden, CT 06451

General Information:

1. The Merusi Scholarship(s) will be award to one or more qualified High School Seniors. The Scholarship will be for one year.
2. Each applicant must be a high school senior at the time of the application and an active participant and volunteer in parish activities at Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish.
3. The applicant must intend to enroll in an accredited two- or four-year institution of learning.
4. There are no restrictions as to race, color or sex.
5. Involvement of the applicant in Parish activities is a significant factor in determining the scholarship award.
6. The applicant should be able to demonstrate a high scholastic ability and attainment.
7. The applicant must demonstrate effective communication skills, therefore, pages 1 through 3 of the application must be completed by the applicant for consideration. Page 4 should be completed by applicant's parent or guardian.
8. The applicant should be of good character, friendly, and mature. Faith and religion should be an important part of his/her life.
9. The applicant should be able to demonstrate a commitment to extra-curricular activities (religious, community, scholastic and/or athletic) that reflects concern and involvement with the parish and community.
10. Complete application packages **MUST BE RECEIVED** by the Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish Office no later then 1 pm on **MAY 8, 2024** for consideration by the Scholarship Committee. Applications received after May 8th or incomplete packages will not be considered.
11. All scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
12. Applicants may be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee.
13. All information received by the Scholarship Committee will be kept in the strictest of confidence.

Note to Applicant: Please attach to this application the following information which is essential to the work of the Scholarship Committee:

1. A personally composed **typed** statement of no more than 500 words discussing how you live your Catholic faith, what the Roman Catholic Church means to you and how you expect your faith to enrich both your life and that of others.
2. Two reference letters: one from a business or professional person (not related to you) who has personally known you for an extended period of time and one from an administrator or faculty member from the school you are presently attending. Faith Formation teachers, Pastor and Parish staff are **NOT** eligible for use as references.
3. Be specific in the information you provide on the application for your activities. Provide the frequency of participation in your parish or community activities. For example, say "I served as an altar server approximately three times per month from 1/2020 to 12/2023 at St. Joseph's Church", instead of "I was an altar server".

School Information:

1. Scholarship Applicants are to personally request that the Director of Guidance forward a copy of their HS transcript, which must include grades and cumulative class rank for seven semesters (to the mid-year of senior year of HS).
2. Any additional information which may be pertinent to the work of the Scholarship Committee.
3. This information is to be mailed by the Director of Guidance to the Scholarship Committee and must be received **no later than 1 p.m. on May 8, 2024**. Failure to meet this deadline will result in possible disqualification of the application.
4. Provide the full name of organizations, clubs, and awards received in your application. For examples state "Platt High School" not PHS. Do not assume the Scholarship Committee will be familiar with abbreviations.

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(TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT, PLEASE PRINT ALL RESPONSES)

1. Student Information:

Name _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

High School _____

Date of Graduation _____

2. Parent Information:

Father _____

Occupation _____

Place of Employment _____

Mother _____

Occupation _____

Place of Employment _____

3. Participation in extra-curricular activities: (please note year for each, add extra pages if necessary)

a. Scholastic:
b. Co-Curricular (School Related):

c. Community (Not School Related):
d. Parish Involvement:

4. Offices and positions of leadership (Name of Organization, Position and Years):

5. Honors and awards (State the nature of the honor or award and year)

6. Do you have a career in mind? (Please describe):

7. What Colleges have you been accepted to? Which one will you attend, if decided?

8. Positions of employment, how long? Average weekly hours?

Signature of Student

Date

Parents Form:

1. Number of dependent children in the family please (just give ages only, not names):

2. Number of children now in college: _____

3. List colleges attended and approximate annual cost of tuition, room and board:

<u>College</u>	<u>Annual Cost</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

4. Annual Family Income – Please check one:

_____ Under \$50,000 _____ \$50,000 - \$100,000 _____ over \$100,000

5. Any unusual financial burdens?

6. Are you willing to provide further additional financial information if requested?

Signature Parent or Guardian

Date

Attach to Application:

1. Applicant Faith Statement
2. Two reference letters
3. Official transcripts (to be provided directly by school)