

## Saint Francis Xavier Scholarship 2009

- Mission Statement:** We are the faith community of Saint Francis Xavier in New Milford, CT dedicated to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in the Roman Catholic Tradition. We proclaim the Good News using our time, talent and treasure to reach the new, the wandering, the poor and the unloved. United in God, we are committed to growth in faith through worship, spirituality, outreach, education and fellowship. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and nourished by Word and Eucharist, we seek a deeper, more personal relationship with Jesus Christ as we passionately share Christ's love with all people.
- Purpose:** The Saint Francis Xavier faith community strives to support the young people of our community. One way in which we provide this support is by assisting those continuing their education full time beyond graduation from high school in 2009.
- Amount:** A minimum of three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.
- Eligibility:** Applicants must be:
- An active, practicing member of St. Francis Xavier Church in New Milford, CT.
  - A graduating high school senior who will be accepted to an accredited college, university, technical college, junior college, community college, trade school, etc., for the Fall 2009 semester.
- Selection:** Students will apply for the scholarship by submitting the following documents by May 15, 2009 to: St. Francis Xavier Church, Scholarship Committee, 1 Elm Street, New Milford, CT, 06776 or by dropping them off at the parish office. Call (860) 354-2202 with any questions.
- A completed scholarship application form.
  - Three letters of recommendation from adults who are non-relatives, one from church, one from school and one from an employer. If you have not been employed then one additional reference from an adult of your choosing
  - High school transcript including SAT (and ACT if taken) scores
  - Response to the essay question.
- Criteria:** The following will be considered in determining the recipient of the scholarship award:
- Parish and community involvement
  - Recommendation letters
  - Essay Response
  - Academic achievement
  - Financial Need

### **Parish, School and Community Involvement**

On a separate sheet of paper, please list all Parish, School and Community Activities and Years of involvement. Give a brief description of your involvement with each.

### **Essay Question**

To be considered for this scholarship, your essay response to the question below must be typed, double-spaced and between 300-350 words.

Essay question: In light of our Mission Statement, how has your Catholic faith influenced your career aspirations?

### **Recommendation Letters**

Three recommendation forms must be returned by the adults preparing the recommendations no later than May 15, 2009 to Saint Francis Xavier Church, Scholarship Committee, 1 Elm Street, New Milford, CT, 06776.

Committee use only: Applicant # \_\_\_\_\_

## Applicant Identification Sheet

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than one high school was attended, please list on the back of this sheet.)

\*\*\*Attach a copy of your high school transcript and SAT/ACT test scores to this sheet\*\*\*

**Institutions Applied To:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Received Acceptance? (circle one)    Yes    No    Not Yet

Will you reside on campus? (Circle one)    Yes    No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended Major: \_\_\_\_\_

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Will you reside on campus? (Circle one)    Yes    No

**Financial Record**

Anticipated College Expenses per year:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Accrued Savings for Education: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Available Aid from parents: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount received from other sources:

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Source: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount:\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Needed Beyond per year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Family Income last year: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe any extenuating circumstances which would limit the use of family funds.

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Number of family members living at home. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list ages of all family members at home? \_\_\_\_\_

How many of these family members be in college in the fall beside yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

**Saint Francis Xavier Scholarship  
Recommendation Form**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Reference Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the first words that come to mind to describe this candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Ratings: On a scale of 1-5 with 1 being below average and 5 being excellent how would you rate the candidate in terms of:

Creative, original thought	1	2	3	4	5
Motivation	1	2	3	4	5
Self confidence	1	2	3	4	5
Leadership capabilities	1	2	3	4	5
Independence, Initiative	1	2	3	4	5
Disciplined work habits	1	2	3	4	5
Potential for growth	1	2	3	4	5
Personal qualities and Character	1	2	3	4	5
Overall recommendation	1	2	3	4	5

On a separate sheet of paper or on the back of this sheet, please give a statement based on your personal or professional knowledge of this applicant that you think would help us reach a wise decision on the student's application. A careful discrimination between strong and weak characteristics of the applicant would be more helpful than routine praise. Thank you.

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