

March 1st, 2024



Dear student applicant,

The St. Katharine Drexel Men's Ministry was founded to bring together the men of SKD. As a group, our mission has been to support with funds and hands the needs of other ministries at SKD. As we support other SKD ministries, we extend the reach of the Catholic faith to others in our parish. Through social and fundraising events, we create a platform for fellowship and spiritual work.

During the 2024-2025 school year, the SKD Men's Ministry will be offering two - \$1,000 scholarships to aid in attending a local Catholic High School. Consistent with our mission, supporting a Catholic education extends the reach of the Catholic faith. Below, we summarize the qualifications and process for this scholarship:

Qualifications:

- 1) The student must attend one of the local Catholic High Schools. These include: Aurora Central Catholic High School, Rosary High School, or Marmion Academy.
- 2) Applicant shall be enrolled as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior for the upcoming school year.
- 3) The student's family must be registered parishioners at St. Katharine Drexel.
- 4) The student must complete and submit the attached application.
- 5) Both the student and a parent/guardian shall be available for an interview with the SKD Men's Ministry scholarship committee. Interviews will be held on **Saturday, May 18, 2024**.
- 6) The student must submit, with the application, grades from their last two years of school attendance.

Process:

- 1) Beginning on March 1st of each year, the SKD Men's Ministry scholarship committee will begin taking applications for the upcoming academic year. Information about the application process can be obtained from the SKD parish office or website. All applications are to be submitted to the SKD parish office.
- 2) A deadline will be set for applications of **May 1st, 2024**. Following receipt of all applications, the committee will schedule interviews. Interviews will be held on **Saturday, May 18, 2024**.
- 3) The SKD Men's Ministry scholarship committee will interview candidates and their families. Following the interviews, the candidates will be ranked and the top selections will be presented to the Men's Ministry executive committee (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Pastor) who will make the final decision.
- 4) Candidates will be ranked by the SKD Men's Ministry scholarship committee based upon the following three priorities; Need, Merit, and Faith Commitment.
- 5) A check will be made directly to the local Catholic High School to assist with the student's tuition cost after verification of enrollment is made.
- 6) It is the intention of the SKD Men's Ministry to award two - \$1,000 scholarships with one being awarded to a female student, and one being awarded to a male student. The SKD Men's Ministry may change the amount of the scholarship or the number of scholarships awarded at their discretion.

During the process, any member of the SKD Men's Ministry must recuse themselves from the decision making process in the event a close family member is an applicant and under consideration for an award.

Enclosed please find the application form to be completed and returned by **May 1st** for consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact the SKD parish office at (630)466-0303.

Sincerely,

Tom Limbrunner
President-SKD Men's Ministry

**ST. KATHARINE DREXEL MEN'S MINISTRY
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**



APPLICANT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ PERSONAL EMAIL: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): _____

IF NOT RESIDING WITH PARENT/GUARDIAN, WITH WHOM DOES THE APPLICANT RESIDE?

HIGH SCHOOL YOU ARE/WILL BE ATTENDING: _____

LIST OF CURRENT EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE ANY VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES IN THE COMMUNITY):

WRITE A BRIEF ESSAY SUMMARIZING YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND WHAT RECEIVING THIS SCHOLARSHIP WOULD MEAN TO YOU. PLEASE INCLUDE THIS ESSAY ON A SEPARATE DOCUMENT.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE(S)

BY AFFIXING OUR SIGNATURES, WE AUTHORIZED THE SKD MEN'S MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TO VERIFY ANY INFORMATION SUBMITTED.

PLEASE ATTACH TWO YEARS OF TRANSCRIPTS, REPRESENTING THE LAST TWO YEARS OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.