

**ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Please Print

Student Full Name: _____

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Parent Phone: _____ Youth Phone: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Sacraments Received: ___ Baptism ___ First Communion ___ Confirmation

**RETURN YOUR APPLICATION AND TWO LETTERS OF REFERENCE
NO LATER THAN APRIL 9, 2026.**

Reference 1 Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Relationship to You:** _____

Reference 2 Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____ **Relationship to You:** _____

CERTIFICATION

By my signature, I certify that I am a registered member of St. Mary's Cathedral. I agree to be available for a personal interview before the Scholarship Committee, if requested.

Student Signature

Date

Applications will be judged by a church committee.
The students will receive their checks and certificates at the 10:30 am Mass on April 26, 2026.

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Part 1 – Scholarship Eligibility

Each year, graduating high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the St. Mary's Cathedral scholarship if they meet the following requirements:

St. Mary's Cathedral Scholarship is available to students who:

- Are registered members of St. Mary's Cathedral
- Are graduating from high school in December 2025 or May 2026
- Can demonstrate their involvement in the parish, family, school, and community

Please note that this is considered a "life scholarship" and is available to all who meet the criteria, **even if they are not continuing their education.**

2025-2026 Scholarship Dates:

- Due Date: April 9, 2026
- Award Date: April 26, 2026 at the 10:30 am Mass

Scholarship applications and reference forms may be downloaded from the parish website.

Return all forms, essays, and references to the parish office during office hours. Monday - Thursday, 8 am-4:30 pm. OR mail to: St. Mary's Cathedral Scholarships, 112 S. Cedar, Grand Island, NE 68801. No late applications will be accepted.

Winners will be notified by mail.

Part 2 – Essay Requirements

On additional pages, please type out answers to the following questions:

1. Briefly describe your current plans for college or post-graduate life.

The following prompts have a 250-word minimum and 500-word maximum requirement.

2. (a) What has your involvement been in the parish, and (b) how have you contributed to your family, community and/or school?
3. What does the Catholic faith mean to you, and how has it affected your life?

Note: Handwritten essays will not be accepted.

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Part 3 – References

Two letters of recommendation. Each reference must complete the attached Recommendation Form along with a typed recommendation.

Reference forms should be turned in with the application no later than April 9, 2026.

Acceptable references include teachers, coaches, club advisors, employers, volunteer supervisors, mentors, or fellow parishioners. References cannot be a relative.