

Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church Faith Formation Scholarship Application

Objective

To recognize and encourage continued participation in the Faith Formation program of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish beyond Confirmation and to participate in the faith life of the parish.

Eligibility - To qualify as an award recipient a youth must be:

- Registered along with his/her family at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish.
- Registered for and have attended with regularity Youth Faith Formation Sessions of the parish at all grade levels (Pre-K through 12).
- Be a full-time student entering an institution of higher learning, trade or certificate program, and plan to attend such directly upon graduation from high school.
- Able to demonstrate strength in your high school preparation and promise for continued academic success.
- Able to demonstrate leadership and involvement in Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church Faith Community.
- Submit one (1) Application for Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Faith Formation Scholarship

Determination of Awards - *The criteria used to determine the award recipients includes, but is not limited to, Youth Faith Formation attendance, participation in the ministries of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church, participation in youth ministry, liturgy, music and vacation bible school, involvement in school and community activities. **The content, length and neatness of the essay is given serious consideration.** Point values are assigned and vary by category with Youth Faith Formation attendance having the most weight.*

Items to submit

1. A typed application. Only 1 application needed to be considered for all scholarships listed below.

2. A typed essay 150-250 words or more addressing the following:

- In detail, share about your faith journey, explain how attending and participating in the Youth Faith Formation Sessions at Our Lady's has affected you.
- Describe how one event/situation of participation in the life of the parish (prayer, study, worship and action) has influenced your understanding of God and/or how God in Christ Jesus is still relevant in today's world.
- Explain how you plan to continue your growth in the Catholic faith. How do you plan to love God and neighbor in the days, months and years ahead? Where do you see yourself practicing your faith 10 years from now?

3. Two letters of reference.

The person should reference your overall character and include:

- How they witness you being involved in and/or living your Catholic faith?

4. A recent photo – for use in parish publications

Availability

Applications are accepted February 1 – March 31 each year and is open to all who meet the eligibility requirements above.

Award Notification

All Scholarship applicants are notified by email with congratulations or regrets. Awardees are recognized at a recognition event held annually in the month of May.

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT APPLICATION TO:

**Randy Henderson, Director of Faith Formation: randy@olih.org
Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church
510 East First Street
Ankeny, Iowa 50021**

Scholarship Information

The Susan C. Roupe Faith Formation Scholarship Awards Two (2) \$1000.00 scholarships annually to two registered and active seniors of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish who have faithfully attended and contributed to the OLIH Youth Faith Formation Sessions through Grade 12.

- These scholarships are maintained and awarded by the parish Youth Faith Formation Ministry.
- Funding comes from designated memorials to the scholarship foundation.

The Ken & Bettie Purdy Memorial Scholarship awards one (1) \$500 scholarship to one registered and active senior of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish who has faithfully attended and contributed to the OLIH Youth Faith Formation Ministry through Grade 12.

- This scholarship is maintained and awarded by the parish Youth Faith Formation Ministry.
- The funding comes from the Ken & Bettie Purdy Memorial Fund.

The Ron Fontana Memorial Scholarship awards one (1) \$500 scholarship to one registered and active senior of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Parish who has faithfully attended and contributed to the OLIH Youth Faith Formation Ministry through Grade 12 AND who has maintained a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2.

- This scholarship is maintained and awarded by the parish Youth Faith Formation Ministry.
- Funding comes from the Rob Fontana Memorial Fund.
- Applications are reviewed by the family of Rob Fontana

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court #1945 - Ray and Margaret Yori \$1,000 Scholarship

One (1) \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one senior of the parish who faithfully attended and contributed to the Faith Formation Program of the parish through grade 12. This scholarship, named in honor of Ray and Margaret Yori, was established in 2025. Ray and Margaret were strong supporters of education. The winner will be asked to attend the May or June Catholic Daughters' meeting. The scholarship funding comes from the Ray and Margaret Yori Memorial.

Each scholarship at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart is awarded to an individual applicant only once. It is our goal to avoid multiple scholarship awards to an individual. This ensures greater participation in the scholarship process and seeks to support the greatest number of youth.

Directions: Please completely fill out one (1) application to be considered for any and all of the scholarship(s) listed in this application.

Name _____ **DOB** _____

Home Address _____ **Phone Number** _____

Father's Name _____

Mother's Name _____

Name of High School conferring diploma _____

Cumulative GPA _____

of siblings at home _____ **#of siblings in college next year?** _____

Living the Catholic Faith through Involvement at OLIH **Participation in years**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Living the Catholic Faith through High School Involvement **Participation in years**

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Living the Catholic Faith through Community Involvement

Participation in years

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____

High School & Community Honors and Awards Received

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Name of Institution attending in the Fall _____

Address of Institution: _____

Student Account # (to send funds if awarded) _____

Area of Study & Future career goals:

Scholarships you expect to receive _____

Briefly explain how you expect to finance your education _____

