



# Saint Therese

## Youth Volunteer Scholarship

Two \$2,000 educational scholarships are awarded annually in recognition of youth volunteers who enrich the lives of seniors in our communities.



### Why we do it

In honor of volunteer service and encouragement for the development of intergenerational relationships in and around our community.



### Eligibility criteria

All youth volunteers currently in grades 9 - 12 during the 2020-21 school year and have completed a minimum of 20 volunteer hours with one or more seniors by the date of submission are eligible to apply. Prior year applicants who have not yet received a scholarship award are encouraged to re-apply. Prior recipients are not eligible and will not be considered.

Eligible applicants have spent time impacting the lives of seniors (relative or non-relative) in a care facility, independent or assisted living, a senior day program or in or one's neighborhood or community. Volunteer hours may be spent the following ways: One-on-one visits (can be "virtual"), helping with household chores, raking leaves, shoveling snow, grocery shopping, etc.

Eligible applicants must reside in the seven county Twin Cities metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington) or the western Wisconsin counties of Pierce or St. Croix.



### Application process

All submissions must include essay, application form and parental consent form (for applicants under the age of 18). The application form is available online [sainttherese.org/youth-volunteer-scholarship](http://sainttherese.org/youth-volunteer-scholarship).

### Essay guidelines

Submit an essay identifying and responding to one or more of the following topics:

- How does volunteering with a senior change or impact you?
- What positive impact did you have on the life of a senior as a result of volunteering?
- How does youth volunteering with seniors affect your generation?
- What have you learned through your experience volunteering with an older adult?

All essays must adhere to the following format:

- Microsoft Word .doc 2-3 pages in length, double-space, 12 pt. Times New Roman font

## Instructions for submission

**Deadline:** Submitted or postmarked by February 3, 2021. Entries submitted afterwards will not be considered.

Entries may be submitted via email: [volunteers@sainttherese.org](mailto:volunteers@sainttherese.org) or postal mail:

Saint Therese  
Attn: Youth Volunteer Scholarship  
1660 S. Hwy 100, Suite 103  
St. Louis Park, MN 55416



## Evaluation and Selection

Each eligible application is evaluated by a committee of volunteers. Scores are based upon:

- Focus on topic
- Organization
- Grammar and spelling
- Commitment to volunteering with seniors
- Impact on life of young person and senior(s) served



## Recipient notification

Scholarship recipients will be notified on or before March 17, 2021. Awards will be distributed, and if possible, recipients will be recognized by Saint Therese at a reception in spring of 2021.



## Distribution of scholarship

Scholarships will be distributed in the form of a check from Saint Therese and may be used for educational purposes such as:

- High school tuition
- College education at a community college, technical school or four-year institution
- Apprenticeship programming fees
- Deposited into a 529 College Savings Plan
- Other educational use may be acceptable but must be submitted in writing for approval.

Saint Therese will distribute checks directly to a 529 college savings plan, an educational institution or program on behalf of the recipient. Saint Therese will follow-up with award recipients to obtain this information.



## Release of information

By submitting an essay, applicants grant Saint Therese permission to use first and last name, age, hometown and essay content in communications pertaining to Saint Therese.



## Questions?

Call 952.283.2210 or email: [volunteers@sainttherese.org](mailto:volunteers@sainttherese.org). You may also visit our website: [sainttherese/youth-volunteer-scholarship](http://sainttherese/youth-volunteer-scholarship).