



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

Youth volunteers between ages of 15 and 18 (as of January 10, 2020) who have completed a minimum of 20 volunteer hours with one or more seniors by date of submission. Prior 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 center or in one's community. Volunteer hours may be spent the following ways: One-on-one visits, doing household chores, raking leaves, shoveling snow, grocery shopping, etc.



Application process

All submissions must include essay, application form and consent form for applicants under the age of 18. The application form is available online: 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: 12:00 a.m. on January 10, 2020. No entries submitted after will be considered.

Entries may be submitted via email: susanc@sainttherese.org or postal mail:

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



Evaluation and Scoring

Each eligible application is evaluated by a committee of volunteers and free of bias based on volunteer site or affiliations.

- 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 6, 2020. Recipients will be recognized by Saint Therese at a reception in spring of 2020. Families are encouraged to attend.



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?

Contact Susan Connolly by phone: 952.283.2210 or email: susanc@sainttherese.org. You may also visit our website: sainttherese/youth-volunteer-scholarship