

# *Cole Harrison Smith* SCHOLARSHIPS



St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry is proud to sponsor two Cole Harrison Smith Memorial Scholarships. A \$3,000 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship are awarded annually to two graduating seniors who have been active in parish youth ministry at St. Louis Church. The scholarships are given in loving memory of a baby who was loved dearly and is deeply missed. His father, Alan Smith, has devoted many years of service to St. Louis youth ministry and, together with Cole's mother and extended family, wishes to support two annual scholarships in Cole's honor.

In addition, each year's recipients will have their names engraved on the commemorative plaque that is displayed at St. Louis Catholic Church in the St. John Paul II Youth Ministry Center.

## ***Requirements***

The scholarships are awarded annually to two seniors who most exemplify the values of our faith: approaching others with dignity and respect; believing in the self-worth of all people; advocating the Catholic faith; and leading by example, thus being a role model for peers.

The most important factor in granting these scholarships is not academic excellence, but the example of living out his/her Christian values and beliefs, providing an example for his/her fellow students and other youth involved in the youth ministry program.

Any senior in high school pursuing post-secondary education who is active in St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry is eligible to apply for the scholarships.

## ***Application Process***

An application is included in this packet. The deadline for return of applications to the St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry office is **Monday, March 25**. The recipients will be announced, and the awards will be given at our Senior Recognition event on April 28.

## ***Selection Committee***

All applications returned by **Monday, March 25** will be reviewed, and the recipient of the scholarship will be selected by a committee composed of the following\*: St. Louis Church Pastor, Alan Smith, Catherine Smith, Director of Youth Ministry, Associate Director of Youth Ministry, Men's Club President, and other representatives to be appointed by the Director of Youth Ministry.

*\*If a relative of a member of the selection committee should apply, that committee member will be asked to step aside during the selection process.*



**Cole Harrison Smith Scholarships Application**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**High School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered Parish** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please list the leadership positions you have held at school, church or in the community:*

**Position** \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Your Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Person and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Your Responsibilities \_\_\_\_\_

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*Please list and describe your contributions to Church life:*

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In addition to the application please submit all the following:

- On a separate sheet of paper, write or type a brief description, using examples where possible, explaining how you meet the requirements for this scholarship. Emphasis should be placed on:
  - your ability to instill in others a sense of self-worth
  - ways in which you promote the Catholic faith
  - how you live out your Christian values in your parish and community
- A current photograph
- Two letters of recommendation must accompany this application.
  - One letter must be from a teacher (from the past two years) or guidance counselor.
  - The second letter is to be a personal recommendation from someone who knows you well, other than a parent or legal guardian.

### **Helpful Application Checklist**

All of the following must be submitted by **Monday, March 25** for applicant to be considered:

- Application
- Additional page written by applicant describing how he/she meets scholarship requirements
- Current photograph
- Letter of recommendation from teacher/counselor
- Personal letter of recommendation from someone who knows you well

See following page for a letter that you can give to potential recommenders.

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Dear Potential Recommender,

Thank you for considering taking time to support a young person in their pursuit of a Cole Harrison Memorial Scholarship from the St. Louis Catholic Church Youth Ministry. The scholarships are awarded annually to two seniors who most exemplify the values of our faith: approaching others with dignity and respect; believing in the self-worth of all people; advocating the Catholic faith; and leading by example, thus being a role model for peers.

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The following are some ideas of what you may want to include in your letter, if you are interested:

- Briefly describe the length of time you have known the candidate and the circumstances under which you have known him/her.
- Briefly describe his/her outstanding contributions to church life.
- Briefly describe the outstanding character and personality of the candidate.
- Briefly describe the youth's ability to instill in others a sense of self-worth.
- Briefly describe ways in which this youth promotes the Catholic faith.
- Briefly describe how this youth lives out Christian values in his/her parish and/or community.

The scholarship application is due by Monday, March 25, so please return your letter to the applicant with time to allow them to meet the deadline.

Thank you for your support,

*The Cole Harrison Smith Memorial Scholarship Selection Committee*