GUIDELINES | 2024-2025

HISTORY

The *Andrew Gregory Rodgers and Pauline Rodgers College Scholarship Program Fund* was established in 2011 to ensure that qualifying student(s) are provided scholarship assistance to aid in the financial needs of choosing the path of higher education. The Rodgers family established this Fund as a lasting legacy to this family's commitment to providing a quality education to those in need.

PURPOSE

To provide scholarship assistance to students pursuing post-secondary education, while maintaining registered parishioner status at Sacred Heart Chapel, 4301 Pearl Avenue, Lorain, Ohio 44055-3311.

SCHOLARSHIP

Interest earned on the Fund will provide for scholarships to students meeting the criteria cited below. Students can apply annually. The number and amount of scholarships will be determined by the funding available.

ELIGIBILITY

- Demonstrated financial need. Financial need will be considered but is not the sole factor in award selection.
- Document a minimum scholastic achievement of 3.0 GPA.
- Currently accepted to or enrolled in an accredited college or university as a part-time or full-time student.
- Registered as a member of Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain, Ohio.
- Participating members of their school and/or community.

REQUIREMENTS

- Guidelines and the application form can be obtained at the parish office and on the Catholic Community Foundation website, www.catholiccommunity.org/grants.
- Applications must be completed in full, including the essay section and must include a letter of recommendation, either on the application or attached. The letter cannot be sent separately.
- Return the completed application, along with the most recent report card/transcript, by email (preferred) to lpavia@catholiccommunity.org or mail to

Andrew Gregory Rodgers and Pauline Rodgers College Scholarship Program Fund Catholic Community Foundation 1404 East 9th Street – 8th Floor Cleveland, OH 44114.

TIMELINE

- **APRIL 15:** Deadline for applications to reach the Catholic Community Foundation. If the deadline falls on a weekend, you have until the following Monday to submit your application.
- MAY 15: The Catholic Community Foundation will send written notification to the recipient(s).

Please direct any questions to lpavia@catholiccommunity.org



APPLICATION FOR THE 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

STUDENT INFORMATION Last Name (use legal name), First Name, Middle Initial: _____ Permanent Address (number and street): City/State/ZIP: ______ County: _____ Telephone Number: ______ Email: _____ Application: _____ NEW _____RENEWAL Class Rank (if graduating senior): Enrollment status (PT=Part-time/FT=Full-time): _____ College Major: _____ Name of parent, guardian or spouse (if applicable): Annual family income: Number of family members depending on this income: ____ and enrolled in full-time college: _____ Describe below any special circumstances that place a burden on your family (e.g., medical/dental expenses; children in college; death of a parent; unemployment, change in parental marital status). By signing below, I certify that my accumulated GPA was 3.0 or higher as evidenced by the attached copy of my most recently received report card/transcript, and to the best of my knowledge the information contained in this application is true and accurate.



Student Signature: ______ Date: ______

Student Name (please print):
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Please describe participation in extracurricular activities and community service, jobs or volunteerism. You may include any additional factors that you would like to have considered when determining your scholarship eligibility such as demonstrated leadership and notable achievements. Attach additional pages if necessary.
Student Signature: Date:

ESSAY

In 2-3 typewritten, double-spaced pages, please respond to <u>one</u> of the following essay questions <u>that you have</u> <u>not used before.</u>

- 1. Maybe you are Catholic because you have been raised Catholic all your life, but describe why you choose to remain Catholic in such a diverse world. What do you consider the treasures of your Catholic faith?
- 2. Describe your experience of the pressures within our society to leave religion and faith behind. How have you dealt with these pressures?
- 3. What one aspect of your Catholic faith do you think could change the world if everyone accepted and valued it? Describe how you imagine that would be.



Student Name (please print):	
LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION	
Please include why you are recommending this student and any comments you feel may be helpful in our application review process. Use space below or attach separately.	
Name of Recommender (print and signature):	
Relationship to Applicant:Date:	

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