

ANDREW GREGORY RODGERS AND PAULINE RODGERS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FUND

GUIDELINES | 2019-2020

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 reapply annually. The number and amount of scholarships to be awarded will be determined by the funding available.

CRITERIA *(Students eligible to apply:)*

- have demonstrated financial need*;
- can document a minimum scholastic achievement of 3.0 GPA;
- are currently accepted to, or enrolled in, as part-time or full-time students, an accredited college or university;
- are registered as a member of Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain, Ohio;
- are participating members of their school and/or community.

*though financial need will be considered, it is not the sole factor in award selection.

REQUIREMENTS

- The Catholic Community Foundation will notify the Pastor of Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain of the total interest earned annually for final determination of the annual number and amount of awards.
- The Pastor from Sacred Heart Chapel, Lorain, will promote this opportunity through the parish bulletin and website and other parish communication vehicles. In addition, the Catholic Community Foundation website will promote this opportunity.
- Applications will be available from the parish office and website, the Catholic Community Foundation website, www.catholiccommunity.org/grants and by email to Colleen Rigo at: crigo@catholiccommunity.org.
- Applicants must complete the **STUDENT INFORMATION** and **STUDENT ESSAY** sections of the application, select someone to complete the **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION** section of the application, and return the completed application, along with the most recent report card/transcript, by April 15th to: *Andrew Gregory Rodgers and Pauline Rodgers College Scholarship Program Fund / Catholic Community Foundation / 1404 East 9th Street – 8th Floor / Cleveland, OH 44114.*
- All applications received will be reviewed by the Catholic Community Fund Scholarship team, who will make a recommendation for the scholarship recipient(s) to the Pastor of Sacred Heart Chapel.
- The Catholic Community Foundation will manage the scholarship award distribution.



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TIMELINE

- **FEBRUARY 15:** Parish and the Catholic Community Foundation promote the scholarship opportunity and make applications available.
- **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 1:** The Catholic Community Foundation scholarship team notifies the Pastor of the recommended scholarship recipient(s).
- **MAY 15:** The Catholic Community Foundation will send written notification to the recipient(s).

QUESTIONS

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FOR STUDENT COMPLETION | EXTRACURRICULAR AND ESSAY

Student Name *(please print)*: _____

EXTRACURRICULAR

Please list your participation in extracurricular activities and community service. Feel free to include any additional personal factors you would like us to consider in determining your scholarship eligibility, including demonstrated leadership or notable achievements:

ESSAY

In no more than 2-3 typewritten, double-spaced pages, please respond to the essay questions shown below. The point of this activity is to help the Scholarship Committee learn more about you. Let your personality shine through!

At school you meet someone from a communist country who has had no exposure to the Catholic faith, to any other Christian faith, nor to any religion. He or she asks you to explain what your Catholic faith is about. Where do you begin and how do you explain the basics of Christianity and communicate the beauty of our Catholic faith? Remember you cannot presume any knowledge of Christian faith or culture. This person knows nothing about terms like: sin, salvation, heaven, hell, nor anything about how to understand Jesus, Mary, God as our Father, nor why such a brutal image as a crucifix is good news. What is this person's impression of Catholicism after you have spoken about it for a couple of hours? Why? What have you learned by this encounter?

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____



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