



2026 SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship Guidelines DEADLINE APRIL 30, 2026

The SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship was established in 2009 to honor Father Pentis, an Oratorian Father, who served as Moderator for the SCCCW, providing spiritual support for more than 30 years. His work with Council was a labor of love.

General Information: The SCCCW mission is to respond with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world. It strives to support, empower, and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. This scholarship was, therefore, created to encourage and promote such themes among Catholic females from SC who are graduating high school.

This merit-based scholarship grants at 2- \$2,500.00 to the recipient(s). The deadline has been extended to **April 30, 2026** to allow for college acceptance letters to be received.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Eligible students must be female South Carolina residents, who are graduating seniors planning to attend an institution of higher education (e.g., university, college, junior college, or technical school).
- The student must be a Catholic in good standing.
- A letter of recommendation from an ecclesiastical body (e.g., priest, brother, deacon, or nun), a Director of Religious Education (DRE), or a Youth Minister is required.
- The student must be actively involved in school life and the community.
- Submissions must be received by the deadline; no late applications will be considered.

Submissions MUST Include:

- A completed application signed by *both* the student and a guardian.
- A referral letter from a high school or home school official (i.e., principal, teacher, or guidance counselor).
- A high school transcript.
- A copy of the university/college/school acceptance letter—only ONE is required.
- A letter of recommendation from an ecclesiastical body, DRE, or Youth Minister—only ONE is required.
- Additional materials submitted (e.g., photos, press releases, extra letters, etc.) should NOT be included. They will NOT be considered.
- An essay, not more than two typed pages on the topic, “What part will spirituality, leadership, and service play in my life in the future?”

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: April 30, 2026

Please send via email, *complete* submissions (i.e., application, transcript, essay, and all letters) to:
Jeannette Altenburg, SCCCW President
1772 Bailey Ridge Drive,
York, SC 29745

Please also send via email to jeannette.altenburg@gmail.com

Applications MUST be postmarked on or before May 7, 2026, to be considered.



**2026 SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis
Memorial Scholarship Application
April 30, 2026-Deadline**

Name: _____
_____ Last _____ First _____ Middle

Address: _____
_____ Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip

Home Telephone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Current email address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age _____

High School: _____ Current GPA: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Name of Parish: _____ Years Attending Parish: _____

In what activities/ministries do you participate in at your current* parish?

*If less than 5 years at the current parish, you may include activities/ministries from your previous parish or previous house of worship if a recent convert to the faith.

List any academics, sports, and community activity in which you are involved: _____

List any achievements or awards you have received, or any leadership positions you have held, at your school, in your parish, or in your community: _____

Briefly describe your future plans and major field of study: _____

Describe how you hope to give back to others in both the short-term (next 5 years) and in the long-term (more than five years from now): _____

Describe the role faith plays in your everyday life, as well as in your future: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

(APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED BY APPLICANT AND PARENT/GUARDIAN.)

Please attach your essay (no more than two typed pages) to this application on the topic "What part will spirituality, leadership, and service play in my life *in the future*?"

Please do not repeat information you've already included in this application!

Don't forget to include both reference letters, high school transcript, acceptance letter, and essay with this completed application.