



2024 SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship Guidelines

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. The 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 one **\$1,500** award to its recipient.

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).
- Student must be a Catholic in good standing, and 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.
- 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.) are *not* necessary and 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, 2024

Please send *complete* submissions (i.e., application, transcript, essay, and all letters) to:

Elese Amos-Goodwin, President

12 Brighton Circle

Charleston, SC 29414

Applications MUST be postmarked on or before April 30, 2024 to be considered.



2024 SCCCW Reverend William F. Pentis Memorial Scholarship Application

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 at your current* parish? _____

*If less than 5 years at current parish, you may include activities/ministries from 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.)

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.