



## 2025 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 at least one \$5,000.00 award to its recipient(s).

### 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: May 18, 2025**

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

Jeannette Altenburg, President  
1772 Bailey Ridge Drive  
York, SC 29745

**Applications MUST be postmarked on or before May 18, 2025 to be considered.**



## 2025 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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\*If less than 5 years at the current parish, you may include activities/ministries from the 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly describe your future plans and major field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

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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): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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.**