

SS. Peter and Paul Parish Foundation 2026 Scholarship Application

The purpose of SS. Peter and Paul's Parish Foundation is to advance, support and enrich the ministry of our church community by supplementing and promoting the Parish community's efforts to provide access to education at a Catholic high school, any accredited two or four-year college, or accredited vocational/trade school to the students.



Directions & General Overview

Congratulations on your aspirations to pursue educational pathways to either a Catholic high school, any accredited two or four-year college, or accredited vocational/trade school as students of SS. Peter and Paul Parish community. The Scholarship Committee commends you! Members of the Scholarship Committee and the review committee adhere to confidentiality. Personal, detailed information is not discussed in any form. Besides awarding scholarships based upon the review committee's rankings, the Scholarship Committee does not discuss applicants' personal information.

Students of the SS. Peter and Paul Parish community shall mean any student between the age of 13-26 who is a current, registered member, or a legal dependent of a current, registered member of SS. Peter and Paul Parish for the last twelve (12) consecutive months.

Completing the Application

There is a single application for use by all applicants. Sections A, B, and C give a general overview of the 2026 Scholarship Application. Please make a copy of the application by downloading it onto your personal computer. Fill in the sections by pen. Make sure your handwriting is legible. Do not change the format or the page number sequence.

You may include additional pages. For example, if you have more "Catholic and Parish Participation" activities (Item #2 section on pages 4-5) than you can fit on the application form, you can insert additional type-written pages.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Submission of the Application

At this time, we do not accept online submissions. For your application to be considered, you must:

- Complete all sections.
- Provide all requested information.
- Provide signed verification by a supervising person for activities you list, **or no credit will be given for that activity.**

Applications must include:

- The entire application (seven pages), with required signatures. Applications must be single-sided; **no double-sided pages. Do not use staples or paperclips. Applications missing any required signatures will be considered incomplete.**
- A current copy of a high school or college transcript **with official seal**. Transcripts may be sent directly from the school digitally to: scholarshipssp@gmail.com.
- Two signed letters of recommendation. One letter should be a staff member at your school.

Please do not make changes to the application.

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Timeline for Application

- March 19, 2026 Completed application, transcripts, and letters of recommendation, **in a sealed envelope**, are due to the parish office (SS. Peter and Paul Church, Scholarship Committee, 4450 Granite Drive, Rocklin, CA 95677). Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm (closed 12-1 for lunch). If you mail your application to the parish office, the postmark must be no later than March 19, 2026.
- May 2026 Scholarship Award Notification
- May 2026 Scholarship presentation at Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass
- June 2026 Scholarship checks mailed to institutions

Scholarship payment checks are mailed directly to the college, vocational/trade school, or Catholic high school. **You must provide the institution's name and address no later than June 30, 2026.** If you choose to discontinue with the pursuit of a college or vocational/trade school education or decide to attend a public or non-Catholic high school, you will forfeit the scholarship. If you are a college student who has not determined where you will matriculate, you must notify the Scholarship Committee by August 17, 2026, by letter to the parish office or email (scholarshipssp@gmail.com) (not by phone).

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Scholarship Criteria

In addition to meeting the Eligibility Requirements on the application webpage (rocklincatholic.org/scholarship-application), the review committee will evaluate and score each application on the merits of the following criteria:

1. Academic Performance / High School Attainment
2. Catholic Church Involvement
3. Extra-Curricular Activities
4. Faith Essay
5. Letters of Recommendation

Each area will receive a score between 0-5. All areas are weighted equally.

Please indicate the type of scholarship for which you are applying:

College/University
 Catholic High School
 Vocational/Trade School

If you are applying for the **COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP**, please complete the following for all colleges to which you have applied and your application status. If you are presently enrolled in a college or university, please note your status as “continuing”.

	<u>College Name</u>	<u>Acceptance Status</u>
<i>Examples</i>	<i>Saint Mary's College Notre Dame University</i>	<i>Yes, same institution Transfer, new student</i>

(The first cell denotes examples only; do not copy any part for your response.)

If you are applying for the **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**, and will be in grades 9-12, provide the name of your Catholic high school and your grade:

	<u>Present Year in School</u>	<u>High School Name</u>	<u>Acceptance Status</u>
<i>Example</i>	<i>9th</i>	<i>Jesuit High School</i>	<i>Accepted</i>

(The first cell denotes an example only; do not copy any part for your response.)

If you are applying for the **VOCATIONAL/TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**, please complete the following for all institutions to which you have applied and your application status. If you are presently enrolled in a vocational/trade school, please note your status as “continuing”.

	<u>Present Year in School</u>	<u>Vocational/Trade School Name</u>	<u>Acceptance Status</u>
<i>Example</i>	<i>HS Grad</i>	<i>Universal Technical Institute</i>	<i>Accepted</i>

(The first cell denotes an example only; do not copy any part for your response.)

1 Academic Performance

College or Catholic high school Applicants:

- Submit a current sealed, official transcript (either high school or college)
- Current GPA _____

Vocational/Trade school Applicants:

- Submit evidence of HS graduation, GED, or transcript

2 Catholic and Parish Participation

Please provide insight into your personal engagement with your Catholic faith. For middle and high school students and vocational/technical school applicants, please note activities and other examples of your engagement with SS. Peter and Paul Parish. As a college student applicant, include your current involvement at your college campus parish, Newman Center, or at SS. Peter and Paul Parish.

The leader from your parish or Newman Center must sign to verify the information.

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Your Role</u>	<u>Dates Involved</u>	<u>Time Spent</u>
<i>Examples</i>	<i>SS. Peter and Paul VBS Chico St. Newman Center</i>	<i>Crew Leader Eucharistic Minister</i>	<i>June 2019 Aug 2019 – Present</i>	<i>20 hrs. Twice monthly</i>

(The first cell denotes examples only; do not copy and paste any part for your response.)

Parish / Newman Center _____

Phone Number _____

Staff/Leader Name (Print) _____

Signature _____

Date _____

3 Extra-Curricular Activities, Unpaid Community Service, Internship/Work Experience

Please include how you are currently involved in your community (college / high school / vocational / technical school). Please list all extracurricular activities, community service, and/or work/internship experience.

	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Your Role</u>	<u>Dates Involved</u>	<u>Time Spent</u>
<i>Examples</i>	<i>College Varsity Crew Toys for Tots Volunteer Internship: Accounting St. Rose Football Team Girls Scout Troop 782</i>	<i>Rower Collected Toys Filing Clerk Quarterback Loomis Park Trash Pickup</i>	<i>Fall 2019 or Jan - Apr 2020</i>	<i>15 hrs./week for 10 weeks = total 150 hrs. -or- 20 hrs./month</i>

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If you are in college or vocational/trade school, a representative or supervisor must verify the information with a signature. Similarly, a signature from a high school representative or supervisor must verify information.

Staff Name (print) _____
Position _____

Signature _____

Staff Name (print) _____
Position _____

Signature _____

4 Faith Essay

College Applicants: Please describe your education, life and career goals and how your parish involvement and your Catholic faith will help you attain those goals.

High School Applicants: In describing your desire to attend a Catholic high school, explain how your Catholic faith and parish involvement have affected your life and goals.

Vocational/Trade School Applicants: Please describe your goals in attaining technical training and how you plan to use those skills in your life. Explain how your Catholic faith and parish involvement have affected your life and goals.

- **Use a separate sheet. Your Faith Essay should not exceed 400 words, double spaced, 12 pt Times New Roman font**
- **Your essay will be evaluated by our review committee on quality of ideas presented, not written length**
- **Please print, sign and date your essay**

5 Letters of Recommendation

As part of your application submission, we ask that you submit signed Letters of Recommendation. Type-written Letters of Recommendation from a staff member at your respective schools are acceptable forms. You may submit up to 3 Letters of Recommendation. A Letter of Recommendation from a family relative does not satisfy this criterion.

6 Student Verifications

Please indicate your date of birth: _____

Please choose one of the following:

_____ I am a current, registered member of SS. Peter and Paul Parish for the last 12 consecutive months

_____ I am a legal dependent of a current, registered member of SS. Peter and Paul Parish for the last 12 consecutive months

If you are a legal dependent, please indicate the name(s) of the current, registered member(s) of SS. Peter and Paul Parish below.

By submitting this application, you attest that the information provided is accurate and truthful. Please provide:

Your Name (print) _____

Signature _____

Email Address _____

Telephone number
(mobile preferred) _____