

College/University Announcement for 2024 The Saint Katharine Drexel \$1000 Scholarship Essay Contest

Announcement

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Frederick, MD, is pleased to announce the annual Saint Katharine Drexel Scholarship Award. The purpose of the award is to motivate students to know and appreciate Saint Katharine Drexel's contribution to society, especially to the underprivileged, during the early 20th Century when it was extremely difficult to undertake such a mission. An award of \$1,000 will be granted to one winner, selected primarily, but not exclusively, on the basis of a competitive essay. The essay will view Saint Katharine Drexel as a role model in today's world.

The Saint Katharine Drexel role model essay competition for the scholarship award is open to anyone who will be a college student in the fall of 2024 and who is a member of the Saint Katharine Drexel Parish.

Required Components

1. A completed, signed, and dated application form.
2. An essay written according to the topic and format described below.
3. A letter of support from someone who can speak to the applicant's community service, volunteer work, or other humanitarian efforts.

Suggested Essay Format and Preparation

1. The essay should address the following topic: "Take a few moments to review the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement on "Catholic Social Teaching: Major Themes," which can be found within the webpage at: <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/sharing-catholic-social-teaching-challenges-and-directions.cfm>. Write an essay in which you discuss what one of these themes means to you and how you think St. Katharine Drexel's example can inspire you and others to take action on it.
2. Essay should be approximately 1000 words, typed on standard letter-size paper.
3. Students may wish to read a Saint Katharine Drexel biography. The biographies below are available in the Parish bookstore
 - Mary van Balen Holt; *Meet Katharine Drexel*
 - Lou Baldwin; *A Call to Sanctity*
 - Daniel McSheffery; *St. Katharine Drexel Pioneer for Human Rights*
 - Cornelia Frances Biddle; *Saint Katharine: The Life of Katharine Drexel*
4. Another resource for information is the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (www.katharinedrexel.org or 215-244-8174.)
5. Applicants should address their own community or volunteer service in the essay.
6. Proper documentation of sources is essential, including appropriate citation within the essay, as well as references and acknowledgements listed on a separate page in proper bibliographic format.
7. Applicants are urged to consult a variety of sources, especially primary sources, in researching their essays. Essays will be judged in part on quality of sources selected, the author's engagement with them, and appropriate documentation.

Schedule and Awards

1. Application forms must be requested by contacting the Business Manager at skdmanager@saintdrexel.org and will be available after 1 October 2023.
2. The completed application, essay, and letter of reference must be returned by 15 January 2024 to:

Saint Katharine Drexel Scholarship Committee
8428 Opossumtown Pike
Frederick, MD 21702

3. The winner will be announced in February 2024.
4. The winner will receive a \$1,000 check applied towards qualifying college expenses for the 2021-22 academic year.

College Application 2024
The Saint Katharine Drexel Scholarship Essay Contest

Personal Information:

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

Home Tel.: _____

Education Information:

Current School Name: _____

Current School Address: _____

Current School Tel.: _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____

College to attend in 2024-5: _____

Family Information:

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address (if different): _____

City, State, Zip (if different): _____

Email: _____

Home Tel. (if different): _____

Charitable/ Community Service Information

Activity (1): _____

Period Covered: _____

Hours/Month: _____

Activity (2): _____

Period Covered: _____

Hours/Month: _____

Activity (3): _____

Period Covered: _____

Hours/Month: _____

Please complete reverse side of application

Applicant:

I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian:

I have reviewed the application and the statements are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

*This application must be submitted to the Scholarship
Committee through the Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Office
by 15 January 2022.*