**APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP 2017-2018**

Holy Cross Parish is awarding two scholarships for students from financially needy families. These scholarships are for students who will be attending a college or university in the 2017-2018 school year. A committee of three persons will choose the winners of the scholarship after March 1, 2017, the date when the applications are due. The names of applicants will not be known to those on the committee to insure that there will be no bias. Therefore, committee members will not be given access to this page.

Applicants are asked to answer all questions below as well as to include the following:

1. An official copy of their grades from last semester.

2. A copy of the first page of their parents’ federal income tax forms from 2016.

3. Two letters of reference (at least one from a teacher or professor).

4. A two to three hundred word essay on their future goals upon completion of their formal education.

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

Date of Birth:

Father’s Full Name:

Mother’s Full Name:

Are you a registered member of Holy Cross Parish? Yes No

Current Enrollment: High School Senior College University

Name and Address of School:

College or University where student will attend in 2017-2018:

Student Grade in 2017-2018

Names and ages of Siblings:

Please write or type a two to three hundred word essay on your future goals after you complete your formal education.

February 1 2017

**ESSAY**

Please attach an essay on a separate sheet of paper. The essay should be approximately 200-300 words. Identify your mentors, and share your goals and expectations. Tell us about any personal challenges or situations that you have overcome. List activities, clubs, hobbies or awards you have received in school, church, sports, community, or work experience. \*Please note that this essay is a required attachment.

**REFERENCES**

Please ask two people who know you well to write letters of reference. Appropriate people to ask include coaches, recent teachers, your school advisor or counselor, employer, etc. (A friend, neighbor or family member is not an appropriate reference). This application will not be considered complete unless these letters are included with your application.

Letters of reference should include:

 1. Name and phone number of the letter writer.

 2. How long he/she has known the applicant and in what context.

 3. Description of the applicant’s character, achievements, and ability to set realistic and attainable goals.

List the names and phone numbers of persons who have written your letters of reference.

1.)

2.)

**OTHER FINANCIAL SOURCES**

If a parent does not file taxes, an employment verification letter is needed. The **notarized** letter must consist of the following:

* Name of the employer and business

(Original Company letterhead is sufficient)

* Annual salary amount
* Employer signature and must be dated
* Employee Position
* Employee Hours
* Copy of recent pay check

**CERTIFICATION**

I acknowledge that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and that I will inform Holy Cross of any changes which might occur in this information.

Applicant’s Signature Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date