



ST BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH
PLEASANT HILL, MISSOURI 64080

NELSON GIPSON SCHOLARSHIP

The St. Bridget Altar and Rosary Society will sponsor the Nelson Gipson Scholarship on an annual basis in the amount of **\$1000.00**. It is awarded to the memory of our long-time parishioner and organist who passed away in May of 2009.

Persons meeting either criteria #1 **and** #3 OR #2 **and** #3 are eligible to apply:

- Graduating high school seniors who are members of St. Bridget Parish and are planning to pursue a degree in any field.
- Any parishioner who is currently enrolled in a program of higher education.
- Applicant must be a practicing Catholic, verifiable by the pastor and has not received the scholarship previously.

One \$1000.00 scholarship will be awarded annually. The **opening date** of the scholarship application will be **February 27, 2026** and the closing date will be **April 17, 2026**. The scholarship will be awarded on May 3, 2026.

The Committee to determine the scholarship recipient will be composed of the current officers of the St. Bridget Altar and Rosary Society. Applications are available at the parish office or the parish web site (<https://stbridgetph.weconnect.com>) Applications must be completed and submitted to the parish office by **3PM on April 17, 2026.**

While completing this application, please keep in mind that neatness, attention to the directions, the condition of the application upon receipt, and your ability to communicate will be part of the criteria used in the evaluation process. Please also note that it is your responsibility, as the applicant, to ensure that all application materials, including transcripts and letters of recommendation, are received by the application deadline.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

When awarded, the scholarship will be effective for the fall semester. The committee's selection will be based on the best-qualified applicant as ascertained from the application information. Again, thank you for applying. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any officer of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Sincerely,
Chris Porter
President, Altar and Rosary Society
St Bridget Catholic Church

PLEASE NOTE – APPLICATION HAS 3 PAGES



The Nelson Gipson Scholarship Program

Administered by the Altar and Rosary Society of St. Bridget Catholic Church

2026 APPLICATION

Applications must be in by **3PM on April 17, 2026**. If additional space is needed, title each page with applicant's name.

Please submit one letter of recommendation and a transcript from the school you most recently attended.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Name of School - _____

Class Rank: _____ of _____ GPA: _____

Graduation Date: _____

ACT Score _____

SAT Score _____

Counselor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR ST. BRIDGET CATHOLIC CHURCH PARISHIONERS:

Educational Background (List high school or other education/training/degrees received):

Name of school/college planning to attend: _____

Involvement as a Member of St. Bridget Parish

How long have you been a member of St. Bridget Parish? _____

Weekly attendance at Mass - Yes _____ No _____ If not at St. Bridget where did you attend? _____

SOR - Yes _____ No _____ How many years? _____ Years of Participation _____

Youth Group Activities - Yes _____ No _____ How many years? _____ Years of Participation _____

NCYC - Yes _____ No _____ How many years? _____ Years of Participation _____

Altar Server - Yes _____ No _____ How many years? _____ Years of Participation _____

Confirmation ó Yes _____ No _____ Chorus member/musician - Yes _____ No _____ How many years? _____

Other activities at St. Bridget: _____

Extracurricular Activities (include school and community)

Honors and Awards

Employment Experience

Statement Expressing Career Goals and Financial Need

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE _____