

# St. Louise Incentive Award Scholarship

Diocese of Buffalo Ladies of Charity  
1122 Broadway, Buffalo, NY 14212

## About Saint Louise de Marillac

Saint Louise de Marillac, one of the patron saints of the Ladies of Charity, collaborated closely with Saint Vincent de Paul in organizing the Ladies of Charity. She remains an enduring example of faith and dedication, offering profound inspiration for our commitment to serving the most vulnerable.

Her life and work exemplify qualities and attitudes that continue to inspire us today:

- **A Deep Commitment to Service:** Saint Louise made a definitive pledge to serve the most disadvantaged, inspired by her profound spiritual experience during the Light of Pentecost. This experience gave her life clear meaning and purpose.
- **A Strong Spiritual Foundation:** Rooted in prayer and unwavering trust in God's Providence, she drew strength for her service to those living in poverty. Guided by the Holy Spirit, her spiritual life was the cornerstone of her resilience and dedication.
- **Collaboration and Guidance:** Saint Louise valued partnership and mentorship, allowing herself to be spiritually guided and supported by Saint Vincent. Her service was never solitary; she worked alongside others—initially with friends, and later with the Ladies of Charity and the Daughters of Charity, forming a legacy of collaborative care.

## Incentive Award

The Ladies of Charity is proud to offer an \$800 scholarship to boys and girls entering Catholic high school in the fall of 2026. Recipients will be eligible to renew the \$800 scholarship each year throughout their high school years, provided they remain enrolled in a Catholic high school and complete the required volunteer hours annually with the Ladies of Charity. If the student is unable to fulfill the volunteer hours, the scholarship will not be renewed for subsequent academic years.

## Criteria

- Applicants must be 8th-grade students who have been accepted to a Catholic high school for the fall of 2026.
- Applicants should demonstrate active involvement in their Catholic Church or school community.
- Applicants should exhibit a genuine financial and/or personal need, such as being part of a single-parent family, facing economic challenges, experiencing family illness, or having siblings attending Catholic schools.
- Academic excellence is not required; however, applicants must maintain passing grades and show potential to thrive in high school.
- Applicants must submit a statement explaining their reasons for applying to a Catholic high school and how the qualities and attitudes of Saint Louise de Marillac could influence their lives.
- In addition to the application, applicants must submit at least one teacher's (or other school personnel's) letter of recommendation and student report card.
- Recipients must commit to completing 10 hours of volunteer work annually at the Ladies of Charity Center, located at 1122 Broadway, while attending high school.

**Application submission deadline: March 27, 2026**

\*Incomplete applications will not be considered.

**ST. LOUISE INCENTIVE AWARD APPLICATION**

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716-895-4001

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

School Current Attending \_\_\_\_\_

High School Planning to Attend \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly Income \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Position Held \_\_\_\_\_ Yearly Income \_\_\_\_\_

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Sibling's Names	Ages	School Attending
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Additional Income (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Are you anticipating other high school financial aid? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, how much: \_\_\_\_\_

Please share additional information to take into consideration as it relates to need (financial or non-financial):

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Application Checklist:**

- Completed application (no blank responses)
- Student statement (page 2 of application)
- Teacher (or other school personnel) letter of recommendation
- Student report card

**All document submission due by: March 27, 2026**

Please submit completed applications to:

Ladies of Charity

Attn: Scholarship Review Team

1122 Broadway

Buffalo, NY 14212