

ST. LOUISE SCHOLARSHIP INCENTIVE AWARD

January 2026

Dear Teacher/Principal:

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 annually throughout their high school years, provided they remain enrolled in a Catholic high school and complete the required volunteer hours each year with the Ladies of Charity.

Criteria for award:

- 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.

Using the above criteria for the candidate, please send a Letter of Recommendation from you and a copy of their report card by **March 27th, 2026**. If there are any special circumstances regarding your choice, please include in your letter.

Please ask the candidates to complete the application form. The student also needs to write a reason for attending Catholic High School and how St. Louise's qualities and attitudes might shape his or her life. The application, along with all documents are to be returned to:

Ladies of Charity

Attn: Scholarship Review Team

1122 Broadway

Buffalo, NY 14212

Or fax: 716-895-2144

Should you find that you do not have a candidate, please use the enclosed envelope to let me know as soon as possible. In that way, voting is not delayed in anticipation of hearing from you.

I would encourage you to submit a student's name. It may be to his or her benefit. You will only be notified if your candidate is an award recipient. Thanks for participating on our scholarship program.

Respectfully,

Denise D. Golpl, Chairperson