

Educators Speak Out. . .

"At a time when most people are cutting back on charitable contributions, I think it's fantastic that Fireside offers these scholarships. Thanks a lot!"

Sister Lani Manseau
Religion Department Chairperson
Elizabeth Seton High School
Bladensburg, MD

"I am very grateful that you have a scholarship program and that it will contribute to Catholic education in this country."

The Rt. Rev. Mark Serna, O.S.B., Abbot
Portsmouth Abbey & School
Portsmouth, RI

"I would like to thank you for awarding me one of your five scholarships this year (2004) This contribution to my education at St. Norbert College is greatly appreciated. I am looking forward to continuing my education at a faith based college. I will be sure to keep you posted on my efforts and achievements.."

Marissa Greuel
2004 Scholarship Winner
Pacelli High School
Stevens Point, WI

"This is an outstanding way to recognize a young person who lives life in a truly Christian manner while achieving excellent academic and extracurricular success."

Mr. Richard Bulley
Director of Guidance
Msgr. Bonner High School
Drexel Hill, PA

Past Winners of the \$1,000 Scholarships:

2008 - Kayleigh Brungard, Pope John XXIII Central Catholic High School, Elgin, NE; Alexandra Mace, St. Thomas More Academy, Raleigh, NC; Colleen Ahern, The Highlands School, Irving, TX; Mellynn Baker, Holy Savior Menard Central High School, Alexandria, LA; Jenna McDermott, Cardinal Carter High School, Aurora, ON Canada and Alena Heger, Billings Central Catholic High School, Billings, MT

2007 - Stephanie Travers, Mercy High School, Baltimore, MD; Gabrielle Kane, Archbishop Wood High School, Warminster, PA; Mark Burns, St. Mary Preparatory School, Orchard Lake, MI; Nishaat Hussainbhoy, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Secondary, Mississauga, ON, Canada; Laura Toth, St. Philip Catholic Central High School, Battle Creek, MI; Patrick Trentacost, DePaul High School, Wayne, NJ.

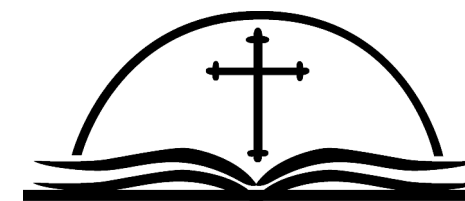
2006 - Allison Hunter, Mount de Sales Academy, Catonsville, MD; Amanda Garrison, Bishop Ready High School, Columbus, OH; Theresa Prabucki, Holy Name High School, Parma Heights, OH; Jonathan Koop, St. Xavier High School, Cincinnati, OH; Jackie Hwang, St. Joseph Catholic High School, St. Thomas, ON, CANADA.

2005 - Lauren Siewny, Fenwick High School, Franklin, OH; Malorie Vanderveen, St. Joseph Catholic High School, Grande Prairie, AB, CANADA; Matea Bozja, Marist School, Atlanta, GA; Sherry Ann Santarina, Archbishop Molloy High School, Brairwood, NY; Susanne Blaschtkik, Father Lacombe Sr. High School, Calgary, AB, CANADA.

2004 - Nicole Benevenia, Mount St. Dominic Academy, Caldwell, NJ; Anne Binder, St. Teresa High School, Decatur, IL; Zane Chu, Vancouver College High School, Vancouver, BC, CANADA; Marissa Greuel, Pacelli High School, Stevens Point, WI; Ashley Wellbrock, Archbishop Molloy High School, Briarwood, NY.

2003 - Tayna Bellefeuille, St. Joseph High School, Barrie, ON, CANADA; Amanda Denes, Mount St. Dominic Adademy, Caldwell, NJ; Joseph Larson, Schlaman High School, Danville, IL; Amanda Steepleton, Assumption High School, Wisconsin Rapids, WI; Allysen Loosemore, St Mary Jr/Sr High School, Worcester MA.

2002 - Julia Lauwers, St. Robert Catholic High School, Thornhill, ON, CANADA; Jennifer Anastasio, Sacred Heart Academy, Hamden, CT; Rachel Henderson, Bishop Feehan High School, Attleboro, MA; Melissa Keller, McAuley High School, Cincinnati, OH; Stephen Augustyn, Skutt Catholic High School, Omaha, NE.



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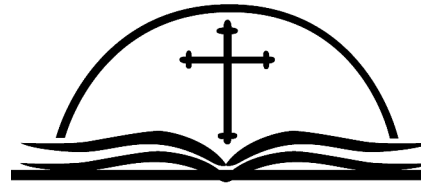
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*A lamp to my feet is your word,
a light to my path" Psalm 119: 105*

fervor, we call upon this ancient symbol to represent the wisdom and knowledge to be derived through the Fireside Scholarship. May this educational grant indeed provide a "light to my path."

What is the Fireside Scholarship?

The Fireside Scholarship was created to recognize top religion students in Catholic high schools. Five, \$1,000 cash scholarships (U.S. dollars) will be awarded.

Who is eligible?

Any student enrolled in a Catholic high school who is a senior in the 2008-2009 school year.



How to Participate?

It's easy. Just select the student you think most successfully embraces his/her religious education. Have them write an essay (in 750 words max) send in the essay and both applications by **December 19, 2008.**

Other information

Criteria for selection includes outstanding leadership in embracing religious education. Financial need is not a consideration.

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Each high school is **limited to one** applicant. Completed essays must be mailed no later than December 19, 2008.

Leaders in the Catholic education field will select five winners. Judges are not affiliated with Fireside Catholic Publishing. Winners will be announced in April 2009.

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