



Saint Therese Youth Volunteer Scholarship

Two \$2,000 educational scholarships are awarded annually in recognition of youth volunteers who enrich the lives of seniors in our communities.



Why we do it

In honor of volunteer service and encouragement for the development of intergenerational relationships in and around our community.



Eligibility criteria

All youth volunteers currently in grades 11 - 12 during the 2023-24 school year and have completed a minimum of 20 volunteer hours with one or more seniors by the date of submission are eligible to apply. Prior year applicants who have not yet received a scholarship award are encouraged to re-apply. Prior recipients are not eligible and will not be considered.

Eligible applicants have spent time impacting the lives of seniors in a care facility, independent or assisted living, a senior day program, or in one's neighborhood or community. Volunteer hours may be spent the following ways: companionship visits, helping with household chores, raking leaves, shoveling snow, grocery shopping, transportation to appointments, etc.

Eligible applicants must reside in the seven county **Minnesota** Twin Cities metro area (Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington), the **Wisconsin** counties of Pierce or St. Croix, or the **Michigan** counties of Monroe or Wayne.



Application process

All submissions must include application form, essay, and parental consent form (for applicants under the age of 18).

Application form is available at <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/2020004702>

Parental Consent form is available at <https://donate.sttheresemn.org/consent-form/>

Essays may be submitted via email to: volunteers@sainttherese.org or postal mail:

Saint Therese
Attn: Youth Volunteer Scholarship
1660 S. Hwy 100, Suite 103
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Instructions for submission

Deadline: Application and essay to be submitted or postmarked by **March 1, 2024**. Entries submitted afterwards will not be considered.

Essay guidelines

Submit an essay identifying and responding to all the following topics:

- How does volunteering with seniors impact you,
- What positive impact did you have on the life of a senior as a result of volunteer,
- What have you learned through your experience volunteering with older adults?

Essay to be two to three pages in length, double spaced.



Evaluation and Selection

Each eligible application is evaluated by a committee of volunteers. Scores are based upon:

- Focus on topic
- Organization
- Grammar and spelling
- Commitment to volunteering with seniors
- Impact on life of young person and the senior(s) served



Recipient notification

Scholarship recipients will be notified on or before April 10, 2024.



Distribution of scholarship

Scholarships will be distributed in the form of a check from Saint Therese and may be used for educational purposes such as:

- High school tuition
- Higher education tuition at an accredited institution to include; universities, colleges, community colleges, technical or vocational schools.

Saint Therese will distribute checks directly to the educational institution on behalf of the recipient. Saint Therese will follow-up with award recipients to obtain this information.

Scholarships must be utilized in full prior to the recipient attaining the age of 25, or within 6 years of receiving the scholarship, whichever is later.



Release of information

By submitting an essay, applicants grant Saint Therese permission to use first and last name, age, hometown and essay content in communications pertaining to Saint Therese.



Questions?

Call 612.418.1954 or email: volunteers@sainttherese.org. You may also visit our website: sainttherese/youth-volunteer-scholarship.