

**ST. BERNARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND
P.O. BOX 1481
NORTH KINGSTOWN, RI 02852**

February 15, 2008

Dear High School Senior:

The St. Bernard Scholarship Fund Committee is once again accepting applications for scholarships for higher education. Eight \$1,000 scholarships are available as a result of fund-raisers such as the St. Bernard Scholarship Quilt Raffle.

The St. Bernard Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance to young men and women of St. Bernard parish who are seeking higher education, whether it be in a one year program at a technical or vocational school, a two year program leading to a certificate or associate's degree, or a four year college degree.

The requirements for application are that the student must be a high school senior and a registered parishioner of St. Bernard parish who regularly attends Mass at least twice per month. The applicant must have been accepted or is seeking admission to an accredited institution of higher learning. Scholarship applicants are evaluated based on four criteria: academics, financial need, civic/community involvement, and parish participation. **Student scholarship applications, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and all other materials are kept strictly confidential.**

Scholarship recipients are selected by a committee comprised of individuals from outside of St. Bernard parish and the North Kingstown area. The Selection Committee will notify all applicants of their standing via first class mail in May.

All high school seniors of St. Bernard parish are encouraged to apply. Enclosed is a scholarship application. Additional applications are available at the Parish Center and on the parish web site at <http://www.sbcwickford.org>. The deadline for returning an application is April 20, 2008.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact us at (401) 294-9351.

Sincerely,

Roger & Kathy Biron
Chairpersons, St. Bernard Scholarship
Fund Committee

ST. BERNARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND INSTRUCTIONS AND APPLICATION

The St. Bernard Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce the availability of eight \$1,000 scholarships.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- Applicant must be a high school senior and a registered parishioner of St. Bernard Parish who regularly attends Mass at least twice per month. The applicant must be seeking admission or has been accepted to an accredited institution of higher learning.
- Academics, financial need, civic/community involvement and parish participation are the criteria used by the Selection Committee to determine scholarship recipients.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Fully completed and signed St. Bernard **Scholarship Application**.
2. Each applicant must prepare **a one page statement of approximately 250 words** explaining his or her vocational or professional goals, extra curricula activities, and family status (i.e. brothers, sisters, ages, school attending).
3. **An official transcript** of the applicant's high school grades must be provided.
4. **Three letters of recommendation** from persons not related to the applicant must also be sent.
5. Copy of **Student Aid Report (SAR)**.

The package of information must be completed in full and returned by **April 20, 2008**. Materials and information requested above may be sent individually or in a package to:

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It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all of the above information is submitted by April 20. Failure to meet all of the information requirements will disqualify an applicant. If you have any questions or simply wish to confirm that your application and other information has been received, please call Roger or Kathy Biron, Chairpersons, St. Bernard Scholarship Fund Committee at (401) 294-9351. All applicant information is kept confidential.