



SAINT THERESE

Youth Volunteer Scholarship

Recognizing youth volunteers serving older adults

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Saint Therese is grateful for the many youth volunteers who make a difference in the lives of older adults on our campuses and in the community. We would like to recognize these dedicated individuals through this scholarship program.

Eligibility Criteria

Anyone between 15 and 18 years of age as of January 13, 2017, who has gone above and beyond to help an older adult or adults (relative or non-relative) is eligible to participate. Applicants must have volunteered a total of twenty hours or more in a senior care facility or in the community raking leaves, doing household chores, playing cards or games, grocery shopping, shoveling snow, etc. Volunteer hours may have been completed any time before the submission deadline. Previous applicants who have not received a scholarship award in the past are encouraged to apply again. Scholarship recipients from previous years are not eligible for another scholarship and will not be considered.

Two \$2,000 educational scholarships will be awarded.

To Apply

All submissions must be accompanied by an essay, application form and consent form. **The deadline to apply is January 13, 2017, by 5:00 p.m.**

Essay Instructions

Submit an essay on one or a combination of the following topics listed below. All essay submissions must identify chosen topic or topics.

- How does/did volunteering with an older adult change or impact you?
- What positive impact did you have on the life of an older adult as a result of volunteering?
- How does youth volunteering with older adults affect your generation?
- What have you learned through your experience volunteering with an older adult?

All essays must adhere to the following guidelines.

- Two to three pages in length
- Typed in Times New Roman 12 pt. font
- Double spaced

Judging

Submissions will be judged by a committee of volunteers and will be free of any biases based on volunteer site or affiliations. Essays will be evaluated as follows:

- Focus on topic
- Organization
- Creativity
- Grammar/spelling
- Commitment to volunteering with older adults
- Impact on life of young person or adult served

Submission Details

All submissions must be sent to the address or email below by 5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2017. No entries submitted after this date and time will be considered for the education scholarship.

An application form and consent form must be completed and included with each essay submission. Forms are also available on our website at sttheresemn.org/youth-scholarship. There are two ways to submit your materials:

Email: SusanC@sttheresemn.org

Essay to be submitted as a Word document please.

Post mail:

Saint Therese

Attn: Youth Volunteer Scholarship

1660 S. Hwy 100, Suite 103

St. Louis Park, MN 55416

Recipient Notification

The recipients of the education scholarships will be notified via phone or in writing on or before March 3, 2017.

Recipients will be recognized by Saint Therese at a special reception to be held in April. Recipients and their families are strongly encouraged to attend the special celebration.

Release of Information

By submitting an essay, you are granting Saint Therese permission to use/reprint your first and last name, age, the city you live in, and the content of your essay in publications and communications pertaining to the current or future essay contests or Saint Therese.

Education Scholarships

Education scholarships will be distributed in the form of a check from Saint Therese and may be used for a number of purposes including but not limited to:

- Middle or high school tuition
- College education pursued at a community college, technical school or four-year institution
- Apprenticeship programming fees
- Deposited into a 529 College Savings Plan
- Other uses may be acceptable but must be submitted for approval in writing

Saint Therese will distribute checks directly to the educational institution or other acceptable educational program for recipient. If this is not possible, receipts or proof of use must be submitted to Saint Therese. Saint Therese will follow up with award recipients to obtain this information.

Submission Checklist

- Must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 13, 2017
- Twenty hours or more of service for an older adult or adults completed by the submission date
- Completed application form
- Signed consent form
- Essay submission
- Received by Saint Therese by January 13, 2017 by 5:00 P.M.

Questions? Call 952.283.2210 | SusanC@sttheresemn.org | sttheresemn.org/youth-scholarship