



DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Black Catholic Ministries and Cultural Diversity

BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES' COMMISSION 2019 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES

1. ELIGIBILITY/REQUIREMENTS

This award is open to all twelfth grade Catholic school students in the Diocese of Camden who

- Are African American or of African descent,
- Reside within the Camden Diocese,
- Are practicing Catholics as attested by the applicant's priest or deacon,
- Are planning to enter a university/college in September 2019,
- Maintain at least a B grade point average with a good attendance record,
- And actively participate in school, church and community activities.

Semi-finalists must be interviewed in person by the Diocese of Camden Black Catholic Commission Scholarship Selection Committee before becoming eligible as finalists.

2. NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF AWARDS

The Diocese of Camden Black Catholic Ministries' Commission shall distribute up to two (2) awards in the amount of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) each.

3. APPLICATION MATERIALS

An applicant shall provide the Black Catholic Ministry Commission with the following materials for review:

- A. Documentation from the school verifying grade-point average and attendance for 12th grade
- B. A list of activities (school, church, and community) with dates of participation and a short description of the applicant's role
- C. Two (2) letters of recommendation: one from the applicant's parish priest or deacon and one from the representative of an organization listed in item B above
- D. A typed autobiography of approximately 250 words telling about the applicant's life, goals and what the award means to the applicant (The autobiography must be typed.)

Applicants must submit all materials by **March 15, 2019**.

4. SELECTION PROCESS

The Black Catholic Ministries Scholarship Committee shall submit announcements of the availability of this award to all Catholic high schools and parishes in the Camden Diocese in a timely manner. A notice will also be posted in the Catholic Star Herald Around the Diocese page.

A copy of the Scholarship Guidelines and of the Award Cover Sheet & Checklist will be sent to each Catholic high school and to the pastor of each Catholic parish in order to provide copies to students.

Once the deadline for submission of applications arrives, the Scholarship Selection Committee will review the applications and choose semi-finalists to be interviewed. Semi-finalists will be notified of the date and time of the interviews to be held the evenings of Tuesday, April 2, and Thursday, April 4, at St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sicklerville. **(If these dates conflict with the senior trip or another pre-planned event, contact this office immediately at 856-583-2904.)**

5. DISTRIBUTION

The scholarship award will be paid directly to the university/college, into the student's account by **July 1, 2019.**

A certificate of award will be presented during the school's assembly or graduation.

For more information, please call the Office of Black Catholic Ministries and Cultural Diversity at (856) 583-2904. Our fax number is 856-338-0826.

Please mail all correspondence to: Joanne Di Gennaro, Secretary
Diocese of Camden
Black Catholic Ministries and Cultural Diversity
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BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES' COMMISSION
2019 College Scholarship Award Cover Sheet & Checklist
Deadline: March 15, 2019

INCLUDE THIS COVER SHEET WITH THE ITEMS ON THE CHECKLIST BELOW.

Student Name:.....

Parent/Guardian(s) Name:.....

Address:.....

City:.....**State:**.....**Zip Code:**.....

Parent Phone # ()..... **Parent Email:**.....

Catholic High School Name:

School Address:.....

Principal:.....

Catholic Parish of Worship:

University/College of Choice:

******* Please include all materials and letters with this document. *******

YOUR SCHOLARSHIP DOCUMENTATION CHECKLIST

1. _____ **GPA documentation from the school with attendance for grade 12**
2. _____ **A document in outline/list format of activities with dates of participation and descriptions of the applicant's role in**
 - **church (youth group, altar server, music, service/volunteer, etc.)**
 - **school (clubs, music, sports, student council/leadership, drama, service, etc.) AND**
 - **community (scouts, music, sports, service, etc.)**
3. _____ **Letter of recommendation from your Catholic parish priest or deacon**
4. _____ **Letter of recommendation from the representative of an organization in which you participated (from an activity in #2 above)**
5. _____ **TYPED 250 word autobiography (This MUST be TYPED.)**