

The St. Linus Ladies Guild Annual LASS Award Scholarship

We are pleased to announce that we are offering a LASS Award (Leadership, Academic, Service, and Spirit) to the son or daughter of a Guild member who:

- Is currently in eighth grade
- Will be attending a Catholic high school
- Has demonstrated academic excellence
- Has shown leadership and service in their school and/or community
- Is dedicated to furthering their spiritual growth

In addition, in order to be eligible, the applicant's mother or guardian must be a current member of the St. Linus Ladies Guild. (Current members are those who have paid their yearly dues.)

In order to apply, the applicant must write a personal essay. The essays will be read by a Scholarship Committee, who will then select the essay that best exemplifies these qualities. The applicant should also submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or community member.

The award is not limited to current St. Linus students, but is also open to students currently enrolled in the St. Linus Religious Education program, so long as their mother or guardian is a current member of the St. Linus Ladies Guild.

The Scholarship Committee shall consist of the St. Linus principal, parish pastor, Director of Religious Education, and two Ladies Guild Members chosen by the principal who have leadership roles in the parish and school who may include but are not limited to an after school club facilitator or a classroom teacher. To ensure fairness, children of Ladies Guild Board Members may apply, but a family member or guardian cannot sit on the Scholarship Committee of an applicant.

At this time, the award is a one time grant of \$500, to be applied towards the student's high school costs and paid directly to the Catholic high school they have enrolled in. The award will be presented to the student at their school graduation awards ceremony. This is a merit based scholarship and not based on financial need.

Please submit your essays by April 25th to the Ladies Guild. Essays must be dropped off in the rectory in an envelope addressed to the Ladies Guild and marked "Scholarship".

Requirements

1. Applicants must have a mother who is a current member in good standing.
2. Applicants must fill out the attached application form.
3. Applicants must write an original essay between 600-1000 words (or 1-2 typed pages, single spaced, Times New Roman size 12) and attach it to the form.

Completed Applications must be handed in to the Ladies Guild mailbox in the rectory by the end of the business day on April 25th.

St. Linus Ladies Guild
LASS Scholarship Application Form

Applicant Name: _____ Date of Application: _____

Applicant Address: _____ Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

High school you plan to attend: _____

LEADERSHIP

Please include in your application your leadership experiences in the following: school, sports, and/or our parish community.

ACADEMIC

We require a letter from your school stating that you are a student in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 throughout both your 7th and 8th grade school years.

SERVICE

Please include in your application community service activities you have been involved in while in middle school.

SPIRITUAL

We require candidates to exhibit good Christian character and request a short letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, or community member about your overall character and your participation in parish life (St. Vincent de Paul, altar serving, choir, NJHS, sports programs, volunteering in spiritual events such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, and Living Rosary, etc.)

ESSAY

Please write an essay that is 1-2 pages in length (600-1000 words) that captures your leadership skills, academic achievements, service experience, or spirituality. You need to attach your essay to this form. Your essay should answer one of the following 4 questions:

1. Why are leadership skills important, and in what ways have you shown leadership in your life?
2. What are your long term academic goals and how will a Catholic high school education benefit you?
3. Why is service important? How has being of service to others shaped who you are and how you see the world?
4. Why is your spiritual life important and in what ways will you continue to participate in parish life while in high school?

St. Linus Ladies Guild
LASS Scholarship Letter of Recommendation

Applicants Name: _____

To the recommender: The above named is applying for a one time grant of \$500 to be applied towards the student's high school costs and paid directly to the Catholic high school they have enrolled in. The award will be presented to the student at their school graduation awards ceremony. This is a merit based scholarship and not based on financial need. Please complete this form and return it directly to the St. Linus Rectory by April 25.

St. Linus Ladies Guild Scholarship
10300 S. Lawler Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Please rate the applicant in the following categories, with 5 being the highest and 1 the lowest.

Moral character:	5	4	3	2	1
Work ethic:	5	4	3	2	1
Perseverance:	5	4	3	2	1
Dependability:	5	4	3	2	1
Honesty:	5	4	3	2	1
Leadership:	5	4	3	2	1
Teamwork:	5	4	3	2	1
Communication:	5	4	3	2	1

Please add any additional information about the applicant.

Recommender's Name: _____ Title: _____