



March 27, 2023

Dear Parents,

Applications for the John Paul II Character in Leadership Scholarship are now available. These scholarships are traditionally funded by donations from current and past school board members. This year, three \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded, one each to a current 5th, 6th, and 7th grader to be used toward next year's tuition. Students who have applied in the past may reapply.

To qualify, a student must:

- be in 5th, 6th or 7th grade and have attended School of the Incarnation for at least 3 years
- be in good academic and disciplinary standing
- not be related to a member of the School Board
- submit a completed application and all required materials **on or before April 24, 2023**

The scholarships will be awarded to students who exhibit outstanding character, show concern for others, and contribute to the school's community through their leadership in academics, extra-curricular activities, and service. The application process includes an original student essay, list of service activities, and two letters of recommendation, all of which are described in detail in the application packet. We encourage students to provide teachers and other recommenders with at least one week's notice when they request letters of recommendation. Students, please note the dates of spring break when asking a teacher to complete the recommendation.

Each application will be assigned a number and names will be removed before review to ensure objectivity. Board-appointed representatives will review all applications, and the School Board and Principal will award the scholarships at our closing school mass in June.

If your child is interested in applying for this scholarship, you may obtain an application in the front office or on our school website, www.schooloftheincarnation.org , under "Resources."

Sincerely,

Paul Zambarnardi
School Board President



The John Paul II Character in Leadership Scholarship Sponsored by the School Board of School of the Incarnation

Application

This scholarship honors students who exhibit outstanding character, show concern for others, and contribute to the school's community through their leadership in academics, extra-curricular activities, and service.

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Current Grade: _____ Homeroom Teacher: _____

A completed scholarship package must include the following items and be submitted **on or before Monday, April 24, 2023;**

- This application cover sheet
- Activities List – Include a list of all school, church, community, and service activities in which you have been involved and describe your involvement.
- **Two** recommendation forms:
 - Recommendation #1: MUST be from a **current** teacher
 - Recommendation #2: can be from another teacher **or** a church/community leader

Notes to students on recommendations:

1. Please ask your recommenders nicely.
 2. Allow them enough time to complete the form. At least a week is preferred!
 3. Be sure to thank your recommender. They are doing you a favor!
 4. Put your name on the recommendation form.
- Typed essay - refer to the insert in this packet for specific information on the essay.
 - The hand-written rough draft or outline for the essay.



Recommendation Form #1 (**MUST** be completed by a current teacher)

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Student Name _____

Qualities	Always	Frequently	Sometimes	Rarely
Exhibits maturity				
Respectful demeanor				
Assignments done on time				
Respected by peers				
Participates in class				
Works well with peers				
Demonstrates leadership qualities				

Circle one: **Highly Recommend** **Recommend** **With Reservation** **Do Not Recommend**

Please provide several sentences to elaborate on your recommendation. Use another sheet if necessary. Focus on what makes this particular student **unique** since reviewers will be reading many recommendations from other students in this grade.

Signature _____ Printed name/title _____

NOTE: Please return completed form in a **sealed envelope** to the school office **by April 24, 2023** (*School of the Incarnation, Attn: Kristina Rykiel, 2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054*) with the student's name on the outside for inclusion in his or her scholarship package. Students have been instructed to give you at least a week to complete the form and have been encouraged to follow up with you a week or two after giving you the form.



Recommendation Form #2 (can be completed by a teacher or community/church leader)

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John Paul II Character in Leadership Essay

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Think and prepare carefully
- Apply your best writing skills to this assignment
- Include a hand-written rough draft or outline to show your thought process
- The essay itself should be typed

ESSAY QUESTION

Pope John Paul II had a special connection with young people. Even as a young parish priest, the future pope devoted much of his time and energy to young people--playing soccer, teaching religion, and leading philosophical discussions. Throughout his papacy, John Paul II continued to reach out to young people. By establishing World Youth Day, and personally participating in it, the Pope demonstrated the affection and care he had for young people.

Reflect on this quote from Pope John Paul II:

“Have no fear of moving into the unknown. Simply step out fearlessly knowing that I am with you, therefore no harm can befall you; all is very, very well.”

How can you and other young people find the courage to live out these words?

Write an essay of between 400 and 600 words to answer this question.

CHECK YOUR ESSAY TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE:

- Focused on the topic and organized your thoughts.
- Made your essay personal. (We should learn something about you by reading it)
- Included relevant information and elaborated to enhance ideas.
- Used variety in your vocabulary and sentence structure.
- Paid attention to spelling, punctuation, and grammar.