

Corpus Christi Church

“Continuing the Educational Mission” Scholarship Award

We are pleased to announce the Corpus Christi ***“Continuing the Educational Mission”*** Scholarship award will be offered once again this year. Even though our beloved parish school has closed, the mission of educating the young people of our parish continues. It is in this spirit that the scholarship award was established.

Based upon the success from past years, we will continue to offer two scholarships this year:

- One for a student parishioner attending a Catholic High School
- One for a student parishioner attending, full time, a college or university carrying a minimum course load of 12 credits.

Now two young people from our parish will each be awarded a scholarship toward their education.

A scholarship award of \$5,000 will be awarded to one student who will be attending a local Catholic High School, starting September 2026, for the academic school year 2026/2027.

A scholarship award of \$7,000 will be awarded to one college student carrying a full-time course load of a minimum 12 credits/semester starting September 2026, attending a 2-4-year college or university for the academic school year 2026/2027.

The scholarship will be paid directly to the school, college or university in two equal payments, one half for the fall semester and the second half for the spring semester or if the academic year is divided into trimesters, half will be paid in the first trimester and the second half will be paid in the third trimester.

The funding for these scholarships will come directly from the investment income earned from the proceeds of the sale of the Searing Avenue properties and **not** from any weekly or special parish collections. The announcement of the scholarship recipients will be on or about August 2nd. The scholarship is for one year.

Requirements:

- Completion and submission of an application to the rectory by hand or mail by June 24, 2026
- Applicant’s family must be registered in our parish records for one year prior to submission of the application.
- Applicant for the High School and College scholarship award must have received all three of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Holy Eucharist & Confirmation)
- Applicant must be involved in service to either our parish, community, or school. 50% of the service must be to our parish such as: Altar Serving, Junior Lectoring, assisting our Religious Education Center as either a Hall Monitor, Teacher’s Aide, Teacher or assisting with our Sunday 20 Minutes with the Director or assisting with CYO. The remaining 50% of service given to school, community, or civic/cultural groups.
- Applicant must obtain 3 letters of recommendation attesting to the applicant’s character from either a teacher, administrator, coach, scout leader, civic leader, or leader of the group to which the applicant is giving service. Additionally, the author of the letter of recommendation will also need to complete a form evaluating the applicant’s character.

- Applicant for the High School will need to write a brief essay of no less than 500 words responding to one of the following topics: ***“As a faithful member of Corpus Christi (The Body of Christ) Parish, what does the Eucharist mean to me and how does it allow me to grow in my faith and influence my life? OR “Forgiveness is such an important aspect in our Christian life. What does Forgiveness mean to me and how can I forgive those who may have hurt me deeply?”***
- The applicant for the college scholarship award must write an essay on one of the same topics of at least 750 words.
N.B. Essays must be original in their composition. Any essay found to be aided by AI (Artificial Intelligence) will automatically be rejected and the application process will not move forward in the review process.

Based upon the review of the applications and evaluations by a team of grammar school, middle school, high school, and college educators, the top five applicants for each scholarship will be required to participate in an interview (in-person) by our team of educators. The interviews will be conducted at the rectory of Corpus Christi in mid-July, 2026.

- All Applicants may re-apply for the scholarship the following year/s; however, Applicants may only be awarded the scholarship once in the High School category and once in the College category.

Timing/milestone dates:

- All applications, letters of recommendations and evaluation forms must be submitted by hand or by mail to the rectory by June 24, 2026.
- All interviews of the top five candidates in each academic category will begin mid-July 2026.
- Announcement of the scholarship winners will be on or about August 2, 2026.

The decision of the Scholarship committee and our pastor, Fr. Malcolm Burns, will be final.

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Dear ***“Continuing the Educational Mission” Scholarship Award*** applicant:

Thank you for your interest in applying for this scholarship.

Please read and review the attached scholarship description for the requirements and submission due dates. Application and all required documentation must be delivered to the rectory by hand or by mail by the due dates outlined in the scholarship description document.

If you have any questions regarding this application or the scholarship award program, please contact Deacon Brian Mannix at the rectory. The rectory telephone number is 516-746-1223.

Please complete the personal information section below:

Applicant Information:

First and Last Name:	
Current Address:	
Phone Number:	
E-mail Address: (or that of Parent or Legal Guardian)	
Current Grade or Educational Status:	
Name of school you are presently attending:	
Name of school that you are planning to attend in August/September 2026:	
Address of school that you plan to attend in August/September 2026.	
Estimated year of graduation:	
Parent’s or Legal Guardian’s Name:	
Parent’s or Legal Guardian’s Phone number:	

Name of those recommending you:	Relationship to those recommending you: (ex. teacher, coach, counselor)
1.	
2.	
3.	

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date _____

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Proof of Service Form

Please indicate your involvement in service to our parish, our community or your school during the past calendar year.

Description of Service:	Location:	Phone Number:	Date(s), frequency, and/or total hours:

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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Applicant Self Evaluation Form

Name of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Reflect on the following characteristics and answer the accompanying questions with a brief statement or explanation.

Characteristics:

- Faith in Action
- Initiative
- Integrity & Honesty
- Reliability
- Collaboration & Teamwork
- Leadership Skills
- Citizenship
- Kindness & Compassion
- Service to Others

Which characteristic do you feel is your greatest strength? Tell why.

Which characteristic would you like to increase or improve on? Tell why.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

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Character Evaluation Form

You have been asked by _____, an applicant for our Continuing the Educational Mission Scholarship Award, to evaluate to the best of your knowledge, their character based on the following criteria:

Name of Evaluator: _____ **Date:** _____

Using the following scale, please evaluate the candidate based on the following characteristics:

1	No basis for judgment
2	Never
3	Rarely
4	Sometimes
5	Often
6	Always

Additional Comments:

Please complete this form and return it to:
 Deacon Brian Mannix at Corpus Christi
 Rectory 155 Garfield Ave Mineola, NY 11501
 Do not return to the applicant. Your responses
 will be held in confidence. Thank you for your
 thoughtful participation.

Signature:

Relationship to applicant:

 (teacher, coach, scout leader, civic leader...)

How long have you known the
 applicant? _____

Characteristic	Rating
Faith in Action	
Initiative	
Integrity & Honesty	
Reliability	
Collaboration & Teamwork	
Leadership Skills	
Citizenship	
Kindness & Compassion	
Service to Others	