



Columbiettes Scholarship Application for the Year 2024
Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Community
Columbiettes Auxiliary 15250
Fort Liberty, North Carolina



GENERAL INFORMATION

The Saint Michael the Archangel Catholic Community Columbiettes Auxiliary #15250 has established a scholarship fund to help support the youth and adults of our community as they pursue their post-high school education. The 2024 scholarships will be awarded to four (4) qualified applicants.

We have four scholarships named for our three Columbiettes patronesses and our community Patron Saint. (1) The Saint Therese, the Little Flower Scholarship will be awarded to a current female high school senior. (2) The Saint Joan of Arc Scholarship will be awarded to a current high school senior (male or female). (3) The Mother Mary Scholarship will be awarded to a female high school graduate/G.E.D. recipient, and (4) The Saint Michael the Archangel Scholarship will be awarded to female/male high school graduate/G.E.D. recipient. Money will be released to awardee upon reception of a letter of acceptance into an accredited school. Letters must be received by the committee no later than August 31, 2024, or scholarship may be forfeited. Exceptions may be granted for extenuating circumstances but must be approved by the Committee in advance of the date.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must be directly affiliated with the military, either a Veteran, active duty servicemember, military retiree, or military dependent. Military identification card or DD214 may be presented to show affiliation. The applicant must also be a Catholic in good standing with a local parish and/or be a current member of the 15250 Columbiettes Auxiliary or have a parent who is a current member in good standing of the Fort Liberty Columbiettes Auxiliary. Applicants for both the Saint Therese, the Little Flower Scholarship and the Saint Joan of Arc Scholarship must be a 2024 graduating high school senior and must have applied for and been accepted to an accredited college/university or vocational school. The applicants for the Mother Mary and Saint Michael the Archangel Continuing Education Scholarship must be a high school graduate or G.E.D. recipient who has been accepted to an accredited college/university or vocational school.

APPLICATION

Requests for these four scholarships can only be made through the completion of the application and submission of all required documentation. Complete application packets must be post-marked **no later than June 3, 2024**. All eligible application packets will be thoroughly reviewed by the Columbiettes Auxiliary #15250 Scholarship Committee to determine eligibility and determine the four (4) awardees. *All documentation must be post-marked by June 3, 2024, to include items sent separately from the application form.* If schools are unable to provide sealed transcripts, they may be emailed directly from the school to ColumbiettesScholarship@gmail.com. Official emailed transcripts must be received by June 3, 2024 to be included. It is highly suggested that all items be sent together in one packet, if possible. *Incomplete and/or late applications will not be considered.* Applicants will receive an email when their application is received. It is the applicants' responsibility to confirm receipt of the email.

Applications and eligibility documentation (i.e. test scores, transcripts, etc.) must be post-marked no later than June 3, 2024 and mailed to the following address:

Mrs. Audrey Piraneo, Columbiettes Scholarship Committee
107 Thornbird Dr.
Raeford, NC 28376

The Scholarship Committee will meet in June and all applicants will be notified of the results prior to June 21, 2024.

CRITERIA

The four (4) scholarships will be awarded based on several criteria. These will include academic excellence, service to church and community, and the submission and content of the following: completed and signed application, official copy of high school transcript in a sealed envelope or official school emailed transcript. A copy of standardized test scores (i.e., SAT, ACT, ASVAB, etc.) may be submitted for consideration of extra credit.

A copy of acceptance letter to a college/university or vocational school with a 2024 date of enrollment must be received to receive award and may be included in initial application packet.

All local applicants must also provide an eligibility letter signed by a current Catholic priest or deacon stating that they are current members in good standing of the Fort Liberty Catholic Community or local Catholic parish. Children of current Columbiettes Auxiliary members and auxiliary members who are applying and have moved away from the Fort Liberty community, must provide a letter from their current Catholic parish/community stating that they are attending members there.

Additionally, high school seniors must provide a character reference from an adult (at least 18 years of age) not related to the applicant, as well as a letter of academic reference from a current teacher/school administrator/coach, not related to the applicant.

Post-high school applicants must provide proof of a high school diploma or G.E.D. and current transcript if attending a college/university/accredited vocational school at this time. Also, applicant is required to submit a character reference from an adult not related to the applicant, as well as a letter of academic or professional reference from a current teacher/school administrator or employer, not related to the applicant.

All applicants must provide one original typed essay (no less than 500 words) on one of the essay topics provided.

NOTES

Please ensure that all application packets are accurate, complete, legible, and submitted by the deadline. If you have any questions regarding the scholarships or application process, please email ColumbiettesScholarship@gmail.com and use *Scholarships* in the Subject line.

Blessings,
Fort Liberty Columbiettes Auxiliary #15250 Scholarship Committee

