

2021

St. Catherine of Siena Parish
Application Packet For

THE FATHER VINCENT LYONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



*Scholarship and Service Awards Packets are available in the parish office [553-1355] or downloaded at parish website [www.stcatherinevallejo.org]
The Scholarship and Awards Committee: Fr. Glenn Jaron, [553-1355], Deacon Pete Lobo [643-0867], Gene Leoncio [554-0264], Chris Bolko [334-3567],
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Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a **2021** graduating high school senior.
- Must be from a family registered to this parish.
- Must have proof of admission to an accredited college or university, or community college or technical school.
- Should demonstrate academic promise and leadership qualities.

Consideration Requirements:

- 1. APPLICATION FORM.**
- 2. OFFICIAL HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS including the first grading period of the senior year in high school.**
Transcript must be in the 4.0 grade scale, or if in a different system, translated to the 4.0 scale.
- 1. ACCEPTANCE LETTER from the accredited school, community, or technical school you will attend.**
- 2. TWO (2) REFERENCE LETTERS.**
- 3. SIGNED COPY OF THIS PAGE.**
- 4. ESSAY**
 - **TOPIC:** "AN INSIGHT ON HOW THE FR. VINCENT LYONS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WILL HELP SHAPE MY ACADEMIC GOALS."
 - **PARAMETERS:** ONE PAGE ONLY. SINGLE SPACED. MUST BE LEGIBLE AND NEAT.

For scholarship consideration, all applicants must meet the eligibility requirements listed above. Submit the completed application with required materials to the

Parish Office by FRIDAY, May 7, 2021 @ 5:00pm.

For questions regarding the application packet, required documents, or application process, please contact Gene Leoncio at 554-0264.

Please read, sign, and return with Application Packet.

- I understand that the decisions by the Selection Committee for the Fr. Vincent Lyons Scholarship, the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Distinguished Service Award, and the Service Awards are final.
- I understand that the monetary awards for the Fr. Vincent Lyons Scholarship and the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Distinguished Service Award will be forwarded to the recipient's college or university, upon Proof of Enrollment (i.e, a copy of the student's official class schedule). Proof of Enrollment should be submitted to the St. Catherine of Siena Parish Office , 3450 Tennessee Street, Vallejo, CA 94591, ATTN: Gene Leoncio.

Applicant Signature and Date

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STUDENT: _____
[Last] [First] [Middle]

ADDRESS: _____
[Street] [City, Zip Code]

CONTACT: _____
[Home] [Cell] [Email Address]

CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL: _____
[Parents or Legal Guardians]

FATHER: _____
[Name] [Occupation]

MOTHER: _____
[Name] [Occupation]

SIBLING: _____
[Name] [Occupation]

Application submitted for admission to the following school or college:

- 1. _____ Accepted? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Have not heard ___
- 2. _____ Accepted? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Have not heard ___
- 3. _____ Accepted? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Have not heard ___

MAJOR: _____

CAREER: _____

You may use the reverse side to list or make comments on your activities. You may include comments on your achievements, leadership abilities, or career goals.

Your Signature _____ Date _____

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Reference Letter Template

[Two [2] References Required]

Reference letter, should include:

1. Your connection to the student.
2. Specifically and in detail, why you feel he/she should be considered for the Fr. Vincent Lyons Memorial Scholarship.
3. Please include your name, a phone number, email address, and signature in your reference letter.

Completed Application Packet

must be submitted to the
Parish Scholarship Selection Committee
c/o St. Catherine of Siena Parish Office
3450 Tennessee Street
Vallejo, California 94591

1. Signed Page 2
2. Application Form Page 3
3. Official School Transcript
4. Essay
5. Reference Letters [2]

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10 Ways to Make Scholarship Sponsors Love You

Kay Peterson, Ph.D.

Before you submit your scholarship application, check out these tips, provided by scholarship sponsors nationwide.

Tip #1: Apply only if you are eligible.

Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully to make sure you're eligible before you send in your application.

Tip #2: Complete the application in full.

If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application. Don't just leave a blank. Supply all additional supporting material, such as transcripts, letters of recommendation and essays.

Tip #3: Follow directions.

Provide everything that's required, but don't supply things that aren't requested—you could be disqualified.

Tip #4: Neatness counts.

Always type your application, or if you must print, do so neatly and legibly. Make a couple of photocopies of all the forms before you fill them out. Use the copies as working drafts as you develop your application packet.

Tip #5: Write an essay that makes a strong impression.

The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: the who, what, where, and when of your topic. The simplest experience can be monumental if you present honestly how you were affected.

Tip #6: Watch all deadlines.

To help keep yourself on track, impose your own deadline that is at least two weeks prior to the official deadline. Use the buffer time to make sure everything is ready on time. Don't rely on extensions—very few scholarship providers allow them at all.

Tip #7: Make sure your application gets where it needs to go.

Put your name (and Social Security number, if applicable) on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless they are clearly identified.

Tip #8: Keep a back-up file in case anything goes wrong.

Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet. If your application goes astray, you'll be able to reproduce it quickly.

Tip #9: Give it a final "once-over."

Proofread the entire application carefully. Be on the lookout for misspelled words or grammatical errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.

Tip #10: Ask for help if you need it.

If you have problems with the application, don't hesitate to call the funding organization.

Scholarships - Where To Find Them

- Ask your school counselor or career center, local and regional organizations, your parent's work, your work, and religious, service, cultural and community organizations.

- Look on the Internet. Here are a few suggested websites:

www.fastweb.com; www.mach24.com; www.fastaid.com;

www.collegeboard.com/pay; www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org; www.uncf.org;

www.target.com; [www/redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org); www.pta.org; www.finaid.org

- Common Scholarship Application Mistakes

Missing deadlines

Failing to proofread the application

Failing to follow directions, especially regarding essay topic and the number of recommendations

Omitting required information

Writing a boring essay

Including exaggerations or lies on your application.