

Forty Martyrs; Bill and Irma West Scholarship Guidelines

Mr. & Mrs. William R. West (Bill & Irma) have graciously left an endowment scholarship for a Forty Martyrs high school graduating senior as a commitment to the youth of their parish. Their desire was to provide financial assistance to a student who otherwise may be unable to pursue higher education. Two, one time \$500.00 scholarships will be awarded as determined by the selection committee.

Basic Criteria

- A. Church Membership: Must be an active member of Forty Martyrs Church
- B. Financial Need: Must identify need for financial assistance.
- C. Attendance: Must be a full-time undergraduate student (12 semester hours or more) at a post-secondary school offering a degree, license, or certification.
- D. Academic Standards: Must have good academic standing in his/her class at the end of seven semesters as determined by the Selection Committee.

Selection Procedure

Applications for this scholarship must be turned into the Forty Martyrs Parish Office *no later than 3:30 p.m., April 1, 2009* to be considered.

Award recipients shall be selected by a committee of Forty Martyrs Church appointed annually by the pastor or designated by the pastoral council. The committee may seek advice and guidance from high school guidance counselors and/or principals in complying with the requirements under *Basic Criteria* and in obtaining other information pertinent to the selection process.

The selection committee will use the following criteria in the selection process:

1. Financial need
2. Involvement in Forty Martyrs Parish liturgies and activities
3. Dependability
4. Other factors in making their selection

However, *the selection shall be solely at the discretion of the selection committee* as empowered by the pastor. The announcement of the scholarship winner will be in conjunction with the home high school's honors or awards program.

Payment

Scholarship award payment will not be made until the student has been accepted for attendance at the post-secondary college/university. Proof of acceptance and attendance at college/university shall be sent to the Forty Martyrs parish office. Funds will then be disbursed directly to the college/university. It is the recipient's responsibility to provide the school address and student ID to the Forty Martyrs office for proper payment.

Forty Martyrs: Bill and Irma West Scholarship Application

(This application and all related materials **must be typed.**)

I hereby submit my application for a Forty Martyrs Bill and Irma West Scholarship. The information in this application is confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining the scholarship award.

Submit this typed application to the Parish Office by 3:30 p.m., April 1, 2009.

Student's Name _____ Social Sec. No. _____

Home Address _____ Phone _____

High School Attended _____ Graduation Date _____ Date of Birth _____

Personal Data:

Name of Father, Step-father, or Male Guardian _____

Age _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

Name of Mother, Step-mother, or Female Guardian _____

Age _____ Occupation _____ Employer _____

Check ALL that apply:

Applicant normally lives with Father ___ Mother ___ Step-father ___ Step-mother ___

Other ___ (explain) _____

Parents separated ___ Parents divorced ___ Father deceased ___ Mother deceased ___

Annual Family Income (This information is required, please attach a copy of 2008 Federal tax return)

Father unable to work _____ Mother unable to work _____

Please list any family situation that you want the committee to be aware of in determining financial need.

College or University Data: (This information is required)

Expected Annual Tuition Cost_____ School to attend_____

Acceptance Status_____ Major or Field of study_____

Years to Complete Program_____

Supplement Data:

List church activities and ministries.

List extra-curricular activities, academic awards and honors received in high school.

Employment Data:

Please list employment experience, including dates of employment and duties.

Other Scholarships:

Please list all other scholarships you have applied for, and indicate which have been awarded to you.

Motivations:

On a separate and attached sheet of paper, *briefly* state (type) your reasons for desiring to attend college and why you have selected your program of study (or why you are undecided). Include in this statement the role of the church in your development and motivation up to this point in your life. In addition, state any church related activities you plan to be involved in while attending college and why (example: Newman Center, Parish Ministries, World Youth Day, etc). This should also be typed and is not to exceed 1 page in length.

Certification:

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if knowingly false information is presented I shall forfeit any award or scholarship.

Date

Applicant's Signature