

Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarship Program

Scholarship Program Rules REVISED FOR 2018

1. Purpose of the Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarship Program

Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ is committed to the role of advancement and education in our personal and Christian lives. The Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarship Program is intended to celebrate and reward the leadership and academic achievement of our Hispanic youth, and to contribute to the spirit and well being of the Hispanic Community.

2. Terms of the Program

In recognition of demonstrated leadership and accomplishments outside the classroom as well as academic performance, Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ will grant individual financial scholarships to selected students who meet the eligibility requirements of the Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarship Program described in section 3.

3. Eligibility Criteria

To apply, an applicant must be a registered parishioner in the Diocese of Arlington, of Hispanic descent, and must be attending or accepted as a student in a post-secondary, accredited, two or four year College or University program.

4. Application Process

Eligible students will complete the application packet and submit it with the required supporting documentation.

The packet will include a resume highlighting academic achievement as well as involvement in the world beyond the classroom: Church, arts, music, environmental stewardship, community service, athletics, or other areas of interest.

A personal essay is also required responding to the topic identified in section 10. You may use the essay form in section 10, or a separate sheet of paper. You may use additional sheets of paper if necessary. Essays may be typed or hand-written. Your signature is required at the bottom of the essay for it to be accepted.

Additionally, the Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarship Committee requires two letters of reference to comment on the applicant's character and/or academic performance. The letters must not be from a parent or relative; they should come from counselors, teachers, employers, clergy, etc. Please ensure that contact information for these references are included in the letter, as the Committee may contact these references. The letters must be signed originals; copies will not be accepted.

Please note that official transcripts of grades must be submitted. Online transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable. Students currently enrolled in college must include all official college transcripts. High school seniors and students who have

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completed less than one full quarter or semester of post-secondary education must include a high school transcript.

Application packets and complete program rules can be obtained by emailing: AmigosEnCristoSMOS@gmail.com, or by going to the St. Mary of Sorrows web site at <http://www.stmaryofsorrows.org/> and looking at Scholarships in the “What’s Happening” section, or a hard copy may be picked up at the St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church Parish Center office.

Applications packets must be complete and submitted either by mail or hand carried to the Saint Mary of Sorrows Parish Center office by the deadline date of May 15, 2018. The mailing address is:

St. Mary of Sorrows Catholic Church
Attn: Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarship Program 2018
5222 Sideburn Rd.
Fairfax, VA. 22032.

5. Application Deadline

The application must be received not later than May 15, 2018 to be considered.

6. Selection Process

The Committee will select award recipients on the basis of demonstrated leadership, active involvement in civic and/or religious activities, and academic performance, and quality of the essay. Selected award recipients will be notified by the end of May.

7. Obligations

Award recipients must enroll in an accredited two or four year College or University no later than the fall of the year in which their scholarship is granted. Proof of enrollment must be provided to the Committee. Proof of enrollment could be a letter of acceptance for the upcoming academic year for new college students or transferring college students, or current transcripts for current college students.

8. Award Distribution

Scholarships will be sent directly to the financial services office of your college. Please ensure that you provide the address to the financial services office of your school, and your student identification number, if you have one.

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9. Application Packet Check List

Please ensure that each item on this checklist is provided in your application submission. Please sign this form below indicating that all items have been included in your packet. Incomplete packets will not be considered for a scholarship.

- a. **Your Name:** _____
- b. **Application Form (Signed)**
- c. **Resume**
- d. **Personal Essay (Signed)**
- e. **2 Letters of Reference (Signed by references)**
- f. **Official Transcripts**
- g. **Proof of Enrollment**
- h. **This Check List (Signed)**
- i. **Date:** _____
- j. **Your Signature:** _____

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Application Form

Please type or print all information except signatures. Information must be legible or application will not be considered.

Applicant Information:

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Permanent Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Social Security # or TIN _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Arlington Diocese Parish: _____

High School: _____ Graduation Date: Month _____ Year _____

City _____ State _____ Telephone _____

Name of Post Secondary school that you plan to attend or are attending. (If unknown, please list in order or preference the schools to which you have been accepted.)

School Name _____ City _____ State _____

Years in College Completed: 0 1 2 3 4 5 (Circle One)

Major or Course of Study _____

Financial Services Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student Identification Number _____

Amigos en Cristo has the sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the programs rules. This application becomes property of Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarship Program.

I acknowledge that decisions of Amigos en Cristo regarding the Amigos en Cristo † Friends in Christ Scholarship Program are final. I certify that I meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program as described in the program description and that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I agree to provide proof of the information that I have given on this form. Falsification of information may result in the immediate return of any scholarship granted.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

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Personal Essay

Please describe in 400 - 500 words how your Catholic faith can help you to grow in virtue and wisdom in college.

Signature _____