

## **Celebration of Faith Scholarship Application**

The Celebration of Faith Scholarship is funded by donations received at the annual Celebration of Faith event. The number and amounts of scholarships may vary from year to year. The scholarships are awarded to students who are graduating from high school and planning to attend a Catholic college or university or who are already attending a Catholic college or university. Recipients are selected by the Grants Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Central Washington Catholic Foundation and all decisions are final. Current recipients may reapply and will compete with new applicants.

Qualifications include:

1. Student must be a baptized, participating member of the Roman Catholic community.
2. Student must be accepted to an accredited Catholic college or university.
3. Student must live within the boundaries of the Diocese of Yakima.
4. Student must show significant community activities/services and articulate educational/career goals.

Successful application includes:

1. Completed (typed) application form and all accompanying documents mailed directly to the Central Washington Catholic Foundation and postmarked by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the scholarship is awarded.
2. Proof of acceptance at an accredited Roman Catholic college or university. For college students, the current transcript substitutes for the letter of acceptance.
3. Official transcript from high school and/or college (if any). Running Start students must submit both.
4. Two letters of recommendation, one from a teacher or counselor who knows the student well and one from the student's pastor or parish youth leader. To be accepted, Letters of Recommendation must be mailed directly to CWCF by the Recommender.

Applicant Name:

Address:

Phone numbers: Home:

Mobile:

Other:

Email address:

Parish and location:

High School and location:

College and location:

Accepted Attending

Parent(s) Name(s):

Address, if different:

Phone numbers: Home:

Mobile:

Other:

Name and role of 1<sup>st</sup> Recommender:

Name and role of 2<sup>nd</sup> Recommender:

On separate sheet(s) of paper, respond to the following, each section 500-word limit (typed only):

**Personal Statement:** Your personal statement is a very important part of this application. Explain what you think is important for the selection committee to know so they gain insight into who you are as the person behind the GPA and test scores. What sets you apart from other applicants? Use this part of the application to tell the committee who you are in such a way that they see your unique personal characteristics. Those characteristics could include leadership, creativity, intellectual curiosity, personal initiative, self-discipline, commitment to others, motivation or the ability to overcome hardships.

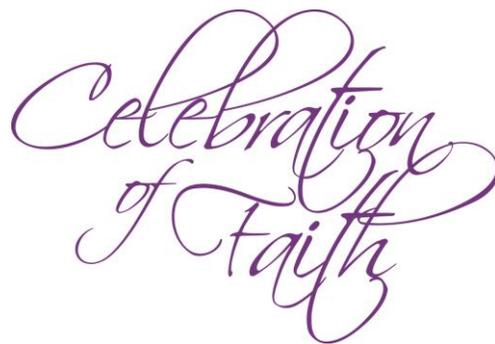
**Future Education and Career Plans:** Provide a brief statement of your educational and career objectives and long-term goals. Tell us about what you've done so far to personally contribute toward achieving those objectives. Your personal contribution can take many forms. It could be financial through work experience, could be taking private lessons or classes in a particular field or maybe a focused volunteer experience. If you've spent significant time caring for family members, paid or unpaid, tell us about it here.

**Community Involvement:** Provide details of your service to your family, church, school and/or the greater community in which you live. List them in the order of importance to you.

**Organizations, Clubs and Sports:** Provide information on your most significant leadership roles or involvement in organizations, clubs and/or sports. List them in order of importance to you. (College students address college experience only.)

Mail no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> to:  
Central Washington Catholic Foundation  
5301 Tieton Drive, Ste F  
Yakima, WA 98908

Questions to:  
Kathleen  
509-972-3732



### **Instructions for Letters of Recommendation:**

**Think carefully** about who you will ask to provide a Letter of Recommendation. Select the teacher or counselor who can best speak to the items that will be evaluated (personal characteristics, education and career goals, community involvement, organizations, clubs and sports, grades). Select the pastor or parish youth group leader who can best speak to your involvement in your parish and your use of your time, talent and treasure.

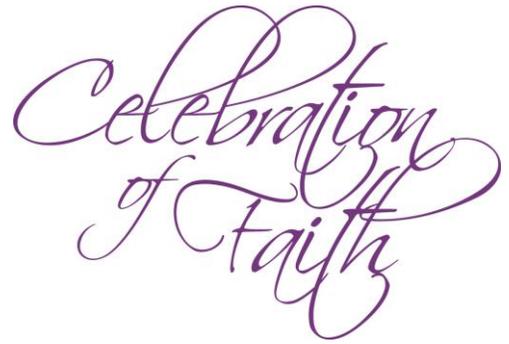
**Ask early.** Teachers, counselors, pastors and youth group leaders are often flooded with Letter of Recommendation requests and you don't want your letters to suffer as a result. Approach your Recommenders several weeks before the April 1 deadline to avoid putting them under undue pressure.

**Ask in person.** It is to your advantage to ask the person face-to-face. This conveys just how important this letter is to you. Be sure you have their agreement to provide the Letter of Recommendation before listing their name on the application form.

**Print a copy of the Letter of Recommendation Request Form** for each person you are asking to provide a recommendation. Be sure to fill in your name. The document gives the Recommender instructions on how to submit the letter. This is also the place for you to briefly provide helpful information. Include your future plans and goals so that your writer is aware of them. Best if you type this.

**Check with your Recommenders** about a week before the deadline to ensure that they have mailed the letter to CWCF. Alternatively, you may call Nancy at CWCF to check on receipt of your Letters of Recommendation. Without both letters, your application is incomplete and will not be considered.

**Write a thank you note** to each Recommender!



## **Celebration of Faith Scholarship Letter of Recommendation Request Form**

### **Student Name:**

Thank you for agreeing to provide a Letter of Recommendation for my application to the Central Washington Catholic Foundation for the Celebration of Faith Scholarship. The Celebration of Faith Scholarship is funded by donations received at the annual Celebration of Faith event. The number and amounts of scholarships may vary from year to year. The scholarships are awarded to students who are graduating from high school and planning to attend a Catholic college or university or who are already attending a Catholic college or university.

**The deadline for the Letter of Recommendation is April 1<sup>st</sup>.** It must be postmarked no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> in order for my application to be considered. It should be typed on letterhead stationery and mailed to:  
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Yakima, WA 98908

Scholarship applications will be evaluated on the following: personal characteristics, education and career goals, community and church involvement, organizations, clubs and sports, GPA and letters of recommendation. If you have any questions, you may call Nancy at CWCF at 509-972-3732.

Information about me that might be helpful: