

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School
Alumni Scholarship
124 Columbus Avenue
Bakersfield, California 93305

The Student Council of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School invites our graduates to be considered for a scholarship. Monies will be awarded to an individual or individuals. We are hoping to provide O.L.P.H. alumni an opportunity to show how they have grown and helped out in the community. Therefore, this scholarship is given based on Christian Service, Community Service, and Personal Growth.

Three letters of recommendations are required, verifying your involvement in the areas of Community Service, Christian Service, and Personal Growth. Letters must include the name of the person recommending you, their address, organization, and phone number, as well as, the name of the scholarship applicant.

Applicants must be graduates of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School
Incomplete submissions will not be considered for the award.

Please make sure the following checklist is complete before you submit materials for consideration.

_____ This page of the Scholarship Application with items checked off

_____ Essay **OR** _____ Video as DVD **OR** _____ Video Link to YouTube

Video Link: _____

_____ A Cover Page for essay or YouTube Video link OR a Label for DVD
Cover page or label must include: Your name, address, home phone, and school and working link to access your YouTube video.

_____ Three letters of reference are enclosed **or you may include the three recommendations in the video as brief testimonials on your behalf.**

_____ Essay or video presentation must include evidence of all three areas:

1. Community Service
2. Christian Service
3. Personal Growth – This is crucial. Do not leave it out!
- 4.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Monday, April 24th
by 3:00 pm in the OLPH School office.

Areas To Address

Either the video or the essay must provide evidence in the following three areas:

Personal Growth

During your years in high school, you have changed in several ways, we're sure. Growth is different from change. Growth is the process of expanding. Growth is important throughout your high school years because it defines who you have become as a person. Without personal growth, there is no maturity. Tell us how you have grown as a person these last four years. Give clear examples and stories. This is the most crucial aspect for the scholarship committee.

Community Service

What have you done for your community in the term of community service (i.e. fund raising activities, areas of leadership, clubs, involvement in politics, or volunteer work in the community.) What have you *learned about yourself* through your involvement in the community? Give clear examples and stories of how you've grown through these.

Christian Service

What have you done as a Christian in the area of Christian service? (i.e. helping the poor, needy or elderly, volunteering in your parish or church, or promoting the message of Christ, directly in your actions, especially in helping the less fortunate or witnessing publicly in words or actions what Jesus means to you.) What have you *learned about your personal faith* through your involvement in this service? Give clear examples and stories.

ESSAY GUIDELINES (If not submitting a video)

The Essay section of this scholarship must consist of the following:

- No more than 400 words, no less than 200 words
- A coversheet must contain – your name, address, home phone number, and school
- Must be typed and double-spaced. Ink must be black using one of the following fonts: Arial, Times New Roman, or Century School Book.

- Must contain positive morals and explain your personal growth and your faith journey being sure to **provide information on ALL THREE areas**: Personal Growth, Community Service, and Christian Service.
- May quote other people in your essay with proper attribution.

Video Presentation Requirements (If not submitting an essay)

1. Must show scholarship recipient talking and providing the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. Home address
 - c. High School
 - d. Home phone number
 - e. Why that person would be a good recipient
2. May include a teacher, parent, or a person who works at the organization where service was done talking about what the recipient has done, etc. Please ask them to clearly address, not only what you did, but, how they have seen you grow.
3. Video must be between 5 and 10 minutes long.
3. The production must be either on a DVD or uploaded to YouTube with a link added to your coversheet.
5. The DVD must be labeled clearly with the applicant's name, home address, and home phone number, plus the applicant's school.
6. Make it fun! You must explain your personal growth and your faith journey being sure to provide **information on ALL THREE areas**: Personal Growth, Community Service, and Christian Service. However, the video can be creative and inventive. (Note: Submissions will not be judged on creativity, just on the evidence presented regarding their service and their spiritual and personal growth.)

GUIDELINES FOR REFERENCES

- 1.) While it is common for personal references to be form letters, remind those whom you ask to write or speak a recommendation to **address the areas of the scholarship**. This is not a scholarship based on grades. Therefore, letters of reference sighting academic excellence are not as helpful as letters that talk about your service and personal growth.
- 2.) Reference letters from the recipients of your service and/or those who were witnesses to or assisted you in personal growth are also stronger than a generic letter of reference. Be sure the writer includes contact information.

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