

Helen Morris Memorial College Scholarship Award 2023

The Helen Morris **Memorial** College Scholarship Award was established by her family in 2012 in memory of Helen Morris, a long time and faithful member of St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Church in Cleveland, Ohio. This scholarship fund seeks to support high school graduates who are first time college attendees and meet the criteria for the scholarship award.

It is the intent of the Helen Morris Memorial College Scholarship Award to be given annually to one male and one female seeking first time college enrollment from high school. The scholarship amount is \$5,000.00 each awarded over the course of their college career, making for an annual scholarship award totaling \$10,000.00. Should the student terminate his or her college tenure before the full award is given, the remaining award amount is forfeit and returned to the fund for future awards. There is no obligation incurred by the student to repay the award for years of study completed. The award will be presented annually at the Student Recognition Day Ceremony at St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Church, or at another appropriate time no later than June 30. The award shall be presented in the form of a check payable to the school of the award recipient for the coming academic year no later than August 15 in the amount of \$1,250.00. In each subsequent year, the student will send a letter indicating their return to school on or before August 1 along with a copy of their transcript for the academic year completed. A maintained grade point average of 3.0 is required for each award disbursement.

Should for any reason whatsoever St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Parish cease to exist, the balance of the fund shall be handed over to the Catholic Community Foundation for distribution in the spirit of and with the intention of the fund **with input from the Morris Family or its representative until the fund** is depleted.

Students who wish to be considered for the scholarship award will meet the following criteria:

1. Be an active member of St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church or its successor parish. This active status is indicated by regular church attendance, participation in youth group activities, and engaged in ministry or service in the church or larger community.
2. Be accepted in a four-year undergraduate degree program at a recognized college or university.
3. **Have a minimum high school grade point average of 3.0. Official transcript must be submitted if requested.**
4. Present two letters of recommendation supporting their application from an adult other than a family member in a sealed envelope with contact information.
5. Write a one-page essay explaining why she or he should be considered for this award and how they intend to help others through the education they receive.
6. Complete the application form as well as (4) and (5) above and send to the pastor of St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Church.
7. Present himself or herself to an interview board consisting of:
 - a. Member of the Morris Family or its representative
 - b. Pastor of St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Church
 - c. Director of the Fatima Family Center
 - d. Director of Youth Ministry at St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Church
 - e. Parishioner at large from St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Church

Deadline for application to be turned in shall be April 30 prior to each award in June. Applications may be obtained from the Parish Office at St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Church

APPLICATION FORM FOR HELEN MORRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

_____ Male _____ Female (Check one) Church member for _____ years

College or University Name _____

Name of Contact/Admissions Director _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail _____

Please list below the groups/activities/service involvements:

Please include with your application the following:

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| 1. Copy of Letter of Acceptance | Check as complete |
| 2. Two letters of recommendation with contact information | _____ |
| 3. One page essay as described above | _____ |

Submit all information by April 30 for the coming academic year to:

Helen Morris Memorial Scholarship Fund
6800 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44103

For Office Use

Application received on _____

Interview scheduled on _____

Award granted _____yes _____no

I Check # _____ Date _____

Award terminated _____ (date)

II Check # _____ Date _____

Reason _____

III Check # _____ Date _____

IV Check # _____ Date _____