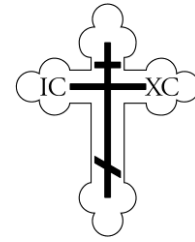


**Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship
2019**



Purpose of the Scholarship:

Scholarships are awarded to Orthodox youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese who have resided within the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest for at least one year prior to awarding of the scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to students showing outstanding commitment to and involvement in their church community.

Scholarship Awards:

Rather than make the selection based solely on academic achievement or financial need, a board of judges has the duty of selecting scholarship recipients primarily on the student's life in the church. Applicants will be asked to share their life stories in terms of the four pillars of Teen SOYO: worship, witness, service, and fellowship. Judges will be using personal essays, an evaluation from a parish priest, a recommendation from a fellow parishioner, and involvement in parish activities. High school grades and test scores will be given minimal consideration. Four \$750 scholarships will be awarded at the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Parish Life Conference in June 2019.

Please confirm your application includes all the following prior to submission, as only complete applications will be considered for awards:

- Completed application, typed or printed**
 - Short essays**
 - Church and School Activities form**
 - School Official Endorsement form, submitted in a signed and sealed envelope**
This may be a school counselor or administrator.
 - Church Member Endorsement form, submitted in a signed and sealed envelope**
This may be someone who served as your church school teacher, SOYO advisor, mentor, or someone you grew up with at church that knows your character and involvement.
 - Parish Priest Endorsement form, submitted in a signed and sealed envelope**
This may be your home parish priest, or priest from the church you attend while at school.
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Submit applications, postmarked by May 1, 2019 to
St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church
Attn: Midwest Scholarship Committee
2250 East Paris Ave SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546

Please direct any questions to Joanna Abud at abud.joanna@gmail.com

Section 1: Applicant Information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Home Address _____ Telephone Number (____) _____ - _____
City _____ Home Parish _____
State _____ Zip _____ Parish Priest _____

Section 2: University Information

Name of College / University _____
City, State _____ Commuter Resident
Will be attending Currently attending Expected graduation year _____
Current or Future Major / Program _____

Section 3: Scholarship Pledge

During the tenure of any award given to me, I promise that I will continue to participate in the Orthodox Faith and further support its principles and activities to the best of my ability. I also understand that falsification of any part of this application will result in the requesting of a refund of the total amount of the award. I will keep the Chairperson informed of any changes in my address, curriculum, and/or school attended. Finally, I will immediately report a withdrawal from school, during the award period, to the Chairperson. Upon such withdrawal, I understand that I may be liable to refund the award, subject to the discretion of the Diocesan Council.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Section 4: Short Essays

On a separate page, please include two short essays in regards to the topics below. Please do not exceed 2 pages, double-spaced. Essays will be scored with a focus on specific examples and details. A small portion will be weighted toward grammar and coherence.

1) Witness, fellowship, worship, and service

These four are the pillars of SOYO that form the foundation of a young person's life in the church. Please take each pillar and describe how they are exemplified in your own life.

2) How would your friends and those around you know that you are an Orthodox Christian, in the way that you live your life, spend your time, make decisions, and plan for the future?

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship
Church and School Activities Form

Church and youth group activities in the past four years:

Organization/Activities	Role in this activity	Years of participation

High school, civic, or college activities in the past four years:

Organization/Activities	Role in this activity	Years of participation

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship
School Official Endorsement Form

Applicant's Name _____

This applicant is applying for the Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship from the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest. Scholarships are awarded to worthy Orthodox Christian youth of outstanding involvement in their church and religious life that are pursuing a degree in an accredited college or university. Thank you for your assistance in completing these questions!

School Official's Name _____

Job Title _____

Unweighted GPA _____

ACT Score _____

SAT Score (if applicable) _____

*Include a copy of the student's most recent transcript along with this form.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete this form, seal it in an envelope with your signature over the seal. You should then return this to the applicant so they can submit the application all together.

Note: This form must be completed for the applicant to be considered for this scholarship.

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship
Church Member Endorsement Form

Applicant's Name _____

This applicant is applying for the Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship from the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest. Scholarships are awarded to worthy Orthodox Christian youth who have had outstanding involvement in their church and religious life, rather than on the basis of academic achievement or financial need. Students must be pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university. Thank you for your assistance in completing these questions!

Church Member's Name _____

Role/Relationship to Applicant _____

How well do you know the applicant?

In what capacity does the applicant participate in the life of the Church?

Please comment on why this applicant should receive this scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please complete this form and seal it in an envelope with your signature over the seal. You should then return this to the applicant to be mailed with the application.

Note: This form must be completed for the applicant to be considered for this scholarship.

Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship
Parish Priest Endorsement Form

Applicant's Name _____

This applicant is applying for the Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship from the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest. Scholarships are awarded to worthy Orthodox Christian youth of outstanding involvement in their church and religious life that are pursuing a baccalaureate degree in an accredited college or university. Thank you for your assistance in completing these questions!

Clergy Name _____ Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

Parish _____ City/State _____

		Not Involved	↔	Very Involved		
1	Liturgical attendance & participation	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
2	Participation in sacraments	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
3	Special services/Holy Week attendance	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
4	Church school attendance	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
5	Altar boy	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
6	Choir/chanting	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
7	Sunday school teacher	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
8a	Teen SOYO/OCF member	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
8b	Do you have an active Teen SOYO?	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
9	Teen SOYO officer	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
10	Active in diocesan/NAC Teen SOYO/OCF?	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
11	Oratorical participant	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
12	Bible Bowl participant	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
13	Creative Festivals participant	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
14	Community volunteer work	n/a	1	2	3	4 5

Given the focus this year on church involvement, please comment *with specifics* on why the applicant should receive this scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please place in sealed envelope, and sign over the seal before returning to the applicant.

Note: This form must be returned for the applicant to be considered for the scholarship.