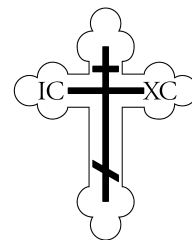


**Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest
Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship
2025**



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 undergraduate 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. Judges will be using a personal essay, an evaluation from a parish priest, a recommendation from a fellow parishioner, and involvement in parish activities. Grades and test scores will be given minimal consideration. Up to four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded at the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Parish Life Conference in June 2025.

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

- **Completed application, typed or legibly printed**
- **Short essay**
- **Church and School Activities form**
- **Church Member Endorsement form, emailed from them**

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, emailed from them**

This may be your home parish priest, or priest from the church you attend while at school.

Submit applications via email by **May 1, 2025** to:

antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com

Subject Line: Applicant's Name

Please direct any questions to antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com

Applicant Information

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

University Information

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

Scholarship Pledge

By submitting this application, 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.

Academic Information

Please fill out this section, with academic information accurate to the time this application is being submitted.

Unweighted GPA _____

Additionally if current HS Senior: ACT Score _____

SAT Score (if applicable) _____

Short Essay

On a separate page, please include a short essay in regard to the topic below. Please do not exceed 2 pages, double-spaced. Essay will be scored with a focus on specific examples and details. A portion will be weighted toward grammar and coherence.

We live in a world that is constantly on the move: between sports and other extracurricular activities, academic pursuits, community involvement, family and friendships, and social media. Explain how your Orthodox Christian faith has grounded you amidst the stressors of your life and the world surrounding you. Provide specific examples of how you anticipate growing in your faith as you continue toward your future career goals.

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

Applicant's Name _____

This applicant is applying for the Metropolitan 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, *with specifics*.

Date Completed _____

Please email this form to antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com

Subject Line: Applicant's Name Due by May 1st, 2025

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 Metropolitan 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 _____

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

Date Completed _____

Please email this form to *antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com*.

Subject Line: Applicant's Name Due by May 1st, 2025

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