

2023 GUIDELINES FOR ST. MARY'S WHITECHAPEL EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

SOURCES AND AMOUNTS OF FUNDS

The Vestry of St. Mary's Whitechapel will determine the source and amount of funds available for educational grants yearly, no later than the January Vestry meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

There will be an Educational Grants Committee made up of four active members of St. Mary's Whitechapel Episcopal Church. It will be the responsibility of this committee to publish the grants, solicit candidates, and select the candidates. The maximum number of grants awarded will not exceed 20.

If an applicant receives a grant to attend a 4-year school and decides to attend a 2-year school, a lesser monetary amount may be given.

ELIGIBILITY

The candidate must be a high school senior, community college or vocational school student, or undergraduate college student for the year the award is made and, is a legal resident of Lancaster County or is a child or grandchild of a St. Mary's Whitechapel parishioner.

- The family income will not exceed \$115,000.
- Meet the following GPA (grade point average) requirements:
 1. High school seniors or high school graduates planning to attend a 4 year college the GPA will be no lower than 3.0
 2. High school seniors or high school graduates planning to attend a community college the GPA will be no lower than 2.5.
 3. Returning college students will have a grade point average of at least 2.5
- Will attend a college/university, community college or vocational school in the year which the grant is received

RESPONSIBILITY OF FIRST TIME APPLICANTS

- File an application with the Educational Grants Committee.
- Complete a personal letter stating how the grant will be used.
- Provide an ***official*** transcript of grades. The transcript must include recent test scores and class rank (if class rank is available).
- Submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, or community persons.

RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTINUING COLLEGE, COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOL APPLICANTS

- File an application with the Educational Grants Committee.
- Provide a recent ***official*** transcript of grades.

PREPARATION OF APPLICATION

Applications may be obtained from the guidance counselor of the candidate's high school or by calling the church office (804-462-5908) Wednesday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or by e-mailing *stmarys.whitechapel@gmail.com*. Requests may also be made in writing to the office of St. Mary's Whitechapel, 5940 White Chapel Rd., Lancaster, VA 22503, to the attention of the Educational Grants Committee.

PAYMENT OF THE GRANT

The full amount of the grant will be paid by the St. Mary's Whitechapel Treasurer, directly to the school of the recipient's choice, after the recipient's enrollment.

NOTE: In the event the recipient of the award should find it impossible to begin school as planned, the grant money is to be returned to St. Mary's Whitechapel and the Committee may make the award to an alternate candidate chosen under the guidelines.

APPLICATION CONSIDERATION

The application and all associated materials must be received by the Committee chairman no later than **Monday, April 3, 2023**.

It is the applicant's responsibility to send the application and all associated materials to the Committee Chairman in **one** individual package.

Students may also submit the common application provided by your High School Guidance Counselor's Office in place of this application.

MAIL TO:

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Educational Grants Committee
St. Mary's Whitechapel
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