



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLEGE PREP

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS & INSTRUCTIONS

8TH Grade Student Applicants to SVdPHS students

Questions? Contact Mrs. Falvey 707-763-1032 ext. 153 afalvey@svhs-pet.org

STUDENT STEPS TO APPLYING FOR SVHS TUITION SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. Complete and submit **ONE** completed *General Scholarship Application*. . If you are applying to more than one scholarship, please only submit one general scholarship application with a Response Essay form for each scholarship.
2. Attach your *Response Essay form(s)* to the completed *General Scholarship Application*. Use one *Response Essay* for each individual scholarship you are applying for. You may apply for one-to-three scholarships that you qualify for as an 8th Grade Applicant to SVdHS.
3. Submit your completed SVHS Scholarship Application packet **by 01/23/2024*** to:

St. Vincent de Paul High School c/o Mrs. Falvey 849 Keokuk St, Petaluma Ca 94952

**Postmarked submissions of 1/23/24 will be accepted. ONLY complete applications submitted will be accepted.*

Late, partial, or emailed applications will not be considered

4. **Eligibility Criteria: ALL** student applicants must:
 - a. Be an **incoming applicant to SVdPHS**.
 - b. Earn a minimum GPA 2.50 (*if a scholarship has a GPA requirement*).
 - c. Possess strong character and compassion for fellow students.
 - d. Have a current and active community service record.
 - e. Be in good overall standing at current school.
 - f. Answer question(s) in essay format, double spaced, using the Fillable Essay form provided.

Incoming 9th grade students who are awarded scholarships will be notified through the Admission's Office. Invitations are generally sent out by the beginning of March 2023.

Scholarship opportunities:

1. Ed & Stella Cella Memorial Scholarship for Community Service
2. Tom & Judy Gavin Memorial Scholarship

Remember: Applicants should write thoughtful, informative, and accurate responses to each essay question.

Ed & Stella Cella Memorial Scholarship for Community Service -8th Grade students; NO GPA minimum - Award \$500

The Ed and Stella Cella family of 13 children are all alumni of St. Vincent de Paul High School. This scholarship was established several years ago by the Cella children in memory of their parent's many years of tireless dedication to the St. Vincent Community. Ed and Stella exemplify the true meaning of volunteerism and commitment to a Catholic school education.

ESSAY QUESTION: *Double-spaced, minimum of 500 words.* Please share details from your community service experiences.

1. Describe your Community Service experiences.
2. Describe why you choose these services.
3. Describe what have you gained from these experiences.

****Be sure you have complete *Community Service Record* information listed on the *Activities Record* page of your *General Scholarship Application*.**

Tom & Judy Gavin Memorial Scholarship -8th Grade Students; NO GPA minimum

The Tom Gavin Memorial Scholarship was established in 2008 by Tom's wife and daughter, an SVHS alumna. After Judy's passing in 2013 this scholarship was lovingly renamed by their daughter in both of her parents' names. Tom was the kind of guy who had an affectionate nickname for all of his friends and family.

ESSAY QUESTION: In a minimum of 250 to 500 words, double-spaced, using the Essay Response form, please tell the story behind your favorite nickname that you have been given. If you have never had a nickname, please share what you think it should be, based on your personality or a particularly memorable incident or story in your life that exemplifies your character.