Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur Memorial High School Freshman Scholarship

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read application carefully. Provide information and answer all questions fully.

2. Notify your school authorities of having made application for this scholarship grant. Request that the school principal or counselor fully complete the questionnaire contained in the application. Obtain from your school a complete transcript of your academic grades record. The questionnaire and grades record should be placed by the principal or counselor in a sealed envelope **and must be included with your application at the time of filing.** This required information will not be accepted or made part of your application if mailed separately.

3. You may attach up to 5 personal references or recommendations (**one must be from your Pastor**) from additional priests, church youth leaders, teachers, employers, coaches and evidence of awards (academic, community, church, etc.) that you received and personal accomplishments. However, this information including references, which should be submitted in sealed envelopes, must be included with your application at the time of filing, and will not be accepted or made part of your application if received separately.

4. Each application with attachments **must be received IN ITS ENTIRETY by the Scholarship Committee no later than**

April 1, 2016.

Entries received after this date will not be considered.

5. Mail your completed application, following the guidelines specified above, to:

Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur Scholarship Committee
c/o St. Landry Roman Catholic Church
1020 N. Main
Opelousas, LA 70570

6. Winners of Scholarship grants sponsored by the "Friends of Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur" will be announced in May of 2016. Winners will be immediately notified by mail. Applicants may check the Fr. Lafleur website (www.fatherlafleur.org) for winner postings.

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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Eligibility:

The "Friends of Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur" is the sponsor of three scholarships of up to $1000.00. One scholarship is to be awarded per eligible school. A 2016 advancing Roman Catholic 8th grade student from public, private or parochial school who will be registered and enrolled as a 9th grader at the following Roman Catholic Schools is eligible to apply:

Opelousas Catholic High School, Opelousas, La.;
Sacred Heart High School, Ville Platte, La.;
Vermillion Catholic, Abbeville, La.

This award is open to Roman Catholic students who are residents of Louisiana. **Awards may be applied to tuition payments only and will be payable only to the school listed above.** The Scholarship is only for the selected student's 9th grade year.

Below is the complete information on the scholarship regarding eligibility for scholarship awards.

Applications will be judged on:

- Learned knowledge of the virtuous and heroic life witness of Lt. Fr. Joseph V. Lafleur communicated through a minimum 2-3 page single spaced essay. *(Font is to be Times New Roman, size 12 only; black lettering and single-spaced. The students name and date must appear on page 1at the top left margin of the student essay.)* Information on Fr. Lafleur's life can be obtained from the following texts: "Man among Men"; "The Roses Have Crossed to the Other Side"; "But He Dies Not"; documented interviews of those who knew/encountered Fr. Lafleur.

- Involvement/leadership in their Catholic Church Parish, school, and community

- Pastor's testimony of applicant's faith, church involvement, character, values and verification that the applicant is a registered parishioner who is committed to Sunday Mass and Holy Days

- Financial need

Checklist:

The application must include materials in the following order:

1. The Application Form
2. Lt. Fr. Joseph V. Lafleur essay
3. Middle School Principal or Student Counselor Evaluation
4. Student's Academic Grades transcript
5. Pastor's testimonial letter (see above) and 4 optional additional references, recommendations, information on awards, etc. **Limit such additional information to a maximum of 4 items.**

All documentation MUST be received at the same time. Failure to submit all elements at the same time will result in rejection of the application.

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APPLICATION FORM

Please type or print Clearly

Name _____ Present School _____

Home Address _____ P.O. Box _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Hm ( ) _____ Cell _____

Present School Name & Address _____

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

Is Father living at home? Yes ___ No_____ Is Mother living at home? Yes_____ No _____

Number of children living at home: Ages ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

Number of children who will attend Private Elementary School next year: _____

Number of children who will attend Private High School next year: _____

Number of children who will attend College next year: _____

Number of children who will attend Public School next year:_____

Applicant & Family attend _____ Catholic Parish.

Parish Address_____ City_____

Pastor's Name _____

The following questions are to be answered by Parent / Guardian:

1. Have you received any financial aid toward tuition, etc. _____
2. Which high school does your child plan to attend? _____
3. What is the annual tuition at this school? _____
4. State why this scholarship would be of help to your child (ex. spiritually, financially etc. _____
5. What influence has Fr. Lafleur's life story had upon your child? _____

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Date Signature of Parent, Guardian

Follow the detailed instructions contained herein in preparing your application. You may use the back of the application or additional pages to list any special information the Scholarship Committee should consider in evaluating your application.

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To be Completed by School Principal, Counselor (or parent in the case of Homeschooling)

1. Name of Applicant:_____

2. Address of Applicant: _____

3. Enclose a complete transcript of the applicant's academic grades record and class standing.

4. Is there any academic information not included on the applicant's transcript that you feel the committee should know or consider? _____

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5. Do you think the applicant's character and reputation make him/her a good representative of your school and an apt candidate for a scholarship award by the "Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur Scholarship Endowment Fund."? _____

Please Comment: _____

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SCHOOL SUPPORT DATA

Please evaluate the student using: 1 - Excellent 2 - Very Good 3 - Average 4 - Below Average 5 – Poor

6. **SELF-DIRECTION AND DISCIPLE:**
   Deportment ( ); Gets along well with peers ( ); Works well alone and with others ( ).
7. **WORK HABITS:**
   Displays those habits of study which lead to achievement ( ); Completes assigned tasks ( ); Is prompt, concentrates well ( ); Locates Information ( ).
8. **INVOLEMENT IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:**
   Participates in class discussions ( ); Is a good leader as well as a group leader ( ); Participates in voluntary activities ( ); Is admired by others ( ); Sportsmanship ( )
9. Estimate of Applicant's likelihood for Academic Success in High School ( ).
10. To the best of your knowledge, will applicant attend Catholic High School without aid?

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11. Has the applicant obtained financial aid for use in attending Catholic High School next year?

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12. What is your considered recommendation to this committee concerning this applicant for the "Lt. Fr. Joseph Verbis Lafleur Scholarship Endowment Fund."?_____

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Signature_____ Title _____Date_____

School_____ Telephone ( ) _____

This completed form, together with a copy of the student's academic grade record and class standing should be given to the applicant in a sealed envelope so that it may be included with his/her completed scholarship application.