

Dr. Joe & Debbie Kite Scholarship Fund

Through the generosity of Dr. Joe Kite, a scholarship endowment fund was established for Vermilion Catholic High School in 2014. The interest from this fund is used to provide an annual scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 for one student who attends Vermilion Catholic. The scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis and students who apply must meet specific criteria as outlined in this application packet. **The deadline for applying for the scholarship to be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year is February 20, 2026.** The scholarship will be awarded in May.

Purpose of the Scholarship

This fund was established to provide the opportunity for students to attend Vermilion Catholic High School by receiving tuition assistance.

General Information

A scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 each will be awarded to a needy student planning to attend Vermilion Catholic High School. Applications will be accepted from students currently attending Vermilion Catholic High School as well as students enrolled in other schools who would like to attend VC.

Application Requirements

Submit a completed application with all required documentation to the Vermilion Catholic scholarship office by the application deadline. All information the student would like considered must be submitted at the same time. This includes school transcripts and any letters of recommendation. Current Vermilion Catholic students may submit a list of references and their contact information in lieu of letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be submitted in sealed envelopes. Questions regarding completion of the scholarship application may be directed to Jackie I. Nash, bookkeeper for Vermilion Catholic at 337-893-6636.

A financial application must be completed online with FACTS Grant & Aid Assessment by **March 16, 2026** found in your parent portal. A processing

fee will be assessed by FACTS. Omission of any information requested by FACTS or the processing fee will delay processing of your application. A report will be forwarded to the school by FACTS for the school to use in determining qualification of the applicant. If you have any questions regarding the completion of the financial application, please feel free to contact FACTS at 866-315-9262. Only the principal and scholarship director at VC will review financial information. No financial information will be given to the faculty committee awarding the scholarship.

Incomplete applications could result in the student being ineligible for the award. **Late submissions of applications or information will NOT be considered.** Completed scholarship applications must be turned in to the scholarship office at Vermilion Catholic High School or by email to scholarships@vermilioncatholic.com by the application deadline.

Award of Scholarship

A committee of Vermilion Catholic faculty members will review the applications and award the scholarships. The Vermilion Catholic High School scholarship office will notify the winner of the scholarship.

Qualifications

Applicants for the scholarships must meet the following criteria:

NEED: Financial information from the parents must be provided as requested in this application packet. All financial information will be kept strictly confidential and will be used solely to ensure the need for tuition assistance. Determination of need and qualification of this criterion shall be done by the principal and scholarship director at Vermilion Catholic using the FACTS Grant & Assessment Report. No financial information shall be given to the faculty committee reviewing the applications.

DESIRE: Each applicant will be required to submit a one page typewritten essay entitled “What I Can Contribute to Vermilion Catholic High School” and signed by the student verifying that the student authored the essay. This essay will be given significant weight in the determination of this award. Students should put considerable effort and thought into this essay.

SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT: Each applicant will be required to submit transcripts of grades from the school they currently attend. A student's scholastic eligibility will be determined by the school administration. In the case of an incoming freshman, the transcript would include junior high grades. Student applicants currently enrolled at Vermilion Catholic do not need to attach a transcript. Their grades will be verified by the scholarship director with the guidance counselor.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Each applicant will be required to submit a list of extracurricular activities in which they participate. These can be school-based (band, quiz bowl, sports, etc.) and/or community-based (Scouts, church youth group, etc.).

LEADERSHIP/WORK ETHIC: Each applicant will be required to submit evidence of leadership and work ethic demonstrating the applicant's desire to achieve goals, whether related to their academic performance, community involvement or job related duties outside of school. These can be listed with the extra-curricular activities (offices held, special project leadership) and/or through letters of recommendation from teachers, administrators, pastors, or other attesting to leadership activities. In lieu of letters of recommendation, current Vermilion Catholic students may include a list of references with contact information.

SCHOOL SPIRIT: Each applicant will be required to submit a list of school related extracurricular activities in which they participate. These can include athletics, band, quiz bowl, etc. along with any recognition or awards they may have received for their participation.

**CHECK LIST OF ITEMS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN
APPLICATION PACKET: (FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN USE)**

- Application Form
- School Transcripts
- Letters of Recommendation
 - Pastor
 - Academic Community
- Essay
- List of recommendations

**FACTS WILL PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION OF FINANCIAL NEED
DIRECTLY TO VERMILION CATHOLIC.**

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APPLICATION STUDENT INFORMATION (please print or type):

Full Name

Grade Level (2026-27)

Address

Social Security Number

City, State Zip

Date of Birth

Phone Number

Church Parish

PARENT INFORMATION (please print or type):

Father's Name

Home phone

Address

Work Phone

City, State Zip

Mother's Name

Home phone

Address

Work Phone

City, State Zip

I verify that all of the information contained within this application packet is true and accurate. I verify that the essay submitted with this application is my original work.

Applicant's Signature

Date

Mother's Signature

Date

Father's Signature

Date