

Vermilion Catholic - a Legacy of Mount Carmel

Spirit of VC Scholars - 2026-2027 Application

Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarship Offered in Memory of: Mr. Ernie and Mrs. Matsy Guidry

This scholarship is meant for those current or prospective students who demonstrate the Spirit of VC! Spirit of VC is defined as those who demonstrate a sense of care for others, a love of Christ and a distinct desire to be an active part of the VC community. Scholarship in the classroom and financial need are considered prerequisites.

This scholarship honors the memory of Mr. Ernie and Mrs. Matsy Guidry who both demonstrated these

Spirit of VC attributes. Mr. Ernie and Mrs. Matsy were actively involved while students at Mount Carmel. Mr. Ernie was a 1955 graduate of Mount Carmel High School and a member of the “Iron Dozen” football team. In life he served his country and his community and was an avid supporter of Catholic education. Mrs. Matsy was a proud graduate from Mt Carmel High School in 1956 and was chosen as Homecoming Queen. She attended SLI. She married the love of her life, Ernie Guidry, in 1958 and together had 5 children, 22 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. She created a home that reflected God’s love and valued all who entered. Together they were devoted to marriage, family, and faith, their life of Christian love was a witness to all.

It is the utmost intention that this scholarship give others the same opportunity to engage in a meaningful Catholic education that will shape their lives through these same experiences.

Number of Scholarships Offered Each Year:

Thirteen scholarships in total are awarded annually across grades K-12th. Scholarships renew each year provided the recipient continues to meet the criteria set forth for the scholarship. It is the intent of this scholarship to always have a Spirit of VC Scholar in each grade, K-12th.

Amount of Each Individual Scholarship Offered:

\$2,000 per year for K-8 and \$2,500 per year for 9-12.

Award Announcement:

The Spirit of VC Scholarship Award recipients will be announced in May of each year at the annual Academic Awards Ceremony.

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Application Guidelines and Criteria:

1. Spirit of VC Demonstration - letter or essay providing evidence of alignment with sense of care, love of Christ and desire to be part of the VC community
 - a. K-5th grade - a letter from the parents to the selection committee expressing their personal desire for Catholic education for their child and what it means to their family.
 - b. 6th - 12th grade - a one to two page essay on "What a VC Education Means to Me"
2. Financial Need - All families wishing to be considered must submit an application through the FACTS portal by March 16, 2026.

To apply please fill out requested information below, complete the checklist and submit to the scholarship office or email to scholarships@vermilioncatholic.com by February 20, 2026.

- Submit financial documentation to FACTS through parent portal**
- Submit Parent Letter with Application**
- Student/family information below completed**

Grade Level 2026-2027: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email: _____

Student's Current Teacher: (For references when required) _____

Number of Family Members in Household: _____