

2026-2027 THEALL HONOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Through the generosity of Mr. & Mrs. J. Warren Theall, a scholarship fund was established for Vermilion Catholic High School in 1999. The interest from this fund is used to provide an annual scholarship in the amount of \$2,500 for grades 9 through 12 to students who attend Vermilion Catholic. The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis and students who apply must meet specific criteria as outlined in the application packet.

Scholarship applications may be downloaded from the Vermilion Catholic website. **The deadline for applying for the scholarships to be awarded for the 2026-2027 school year is February 20, 2026.** The scholarships will be awarded in May 2026.

Purpose of the Scholarships

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

General Information

Scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 each will be awarded to needy students planning to attend Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel. Awards are made to one student for each grade level 9th through 12th. Applications will be accepted from students currently attending Vermilion Catholic as well as students enrolled in other schools who would like to attend VC. Those students must have completed the enrollment process. All applicants must be enrolled and have remitted the registration fee for the 2026-2027 school year.

Once the scholarship is awarded to a student, the recipient must meet the following criteria in order to retain the scholarship for the remainder of their attendance at Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel.

- Maintain a 3.0 GPA out of 4.0

- Resubmit financial information annually to ensure qualification for the need based award

If a scholarship recipient leaves Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel for any reason or if the recipient fails to meet the criteria, then the student forfeits the scholarship and it will be awarded on a competitive basis for the next school year.

Names of Scholarships

The scholarships to be awarded each year are as follows:

Freshman Honor Scholarship
Sophomore Honor Scholarship
Junior Honor Scholarship
Senior Honor Scholarship

Application Requirements

Submit a completed application with all required documentation to the Vermilion Catholic bookkeeping office either by mail, in person delivery, or email to scholarships@vermilioncatholic.com by the application deadline. **Applications submitted after that date will not be considered. All information the student would like considered must be submitted at the same time.** This includes school transcripts and any letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be submitted in sealed envelopes if desired. 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 per their instructions. A processing fee will be assessed by FACTS to complete this online application. **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

Financial information will be reviewed only by the principal and the bookkeeper at Vermilion Catholic. No financial information will be given to the faculty committee awarding the scholarships.

Award of Scholarships

A committee of Vermilion Catholic faculty members will review the applications and award the scholarships. The winners of each scholarship will be notified by the Vermilion Catholic Upper Campus bookkeeping office.

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 qualify the student for this criteria. Determination of need and qualification of this criteria shall be done by the principal and bookkeeper at Vermilion Catholic using the FACTS Grant & Assessment Report. No financial information shall be given to the faculty committee awarding the scholarship.

DESIRE:

Each applicant will be required to submit a one-page typewritten essay entitled **“Why I Would Like to Attend Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel”** 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 he/she is currently attending along with a statement from the principal and/or guidance counselor indicating the student’s ranking in class on a percentage basis (e.g. upper 20% of class) unless the student is currently a Vermilion Catholic student. In the case of the Freshman Honor Scholarship, the transcript would include junior high grades. **Current Vermilion Catholic students do not need to provide a transcript as grades will be verified with the upper campus guidance counselor by the scholarship office.**

LEADERSHIP:

Each applicant, who is not currently a Vermilion Catholic student, is required to submit evidence of leadership activities. 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. **Students**

currently enrolled at Vermilion Catholic may list references and contact information in place of recommendation letters.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

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

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

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

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

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APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION (please print or type):

Check grade level for 2026-2027:

_____ Freshman Application

_____ Sophomore Application

_____ Junior Application

_____ Senior Application

Full Name

Gender

Address

City, State Zip

Social Security Number

Phone Number

Date of Birth

School Currently Attending

GPA

Parent Information (please print or type):

Father's Name

Mother's Name

Address

Address

City, State Zip

City, State Zip

Home phone

Home Phone

Work Phone

Work Phone

Extra-Curricular Activities On a separate sheet please list all extracurricular activities in which you have participated in during high school. These activities include both school-based programs such as band, sports, Beta Club as well as community based programs such as Boy Scouts, Girls Scouts, Youth Group, Altar server.

Leadership Include in the list of extra-curricular activities all leadership positions you have held in any of those activities. You may also obtain letters of recommendation from teachers, administrators, pastors or others attesting to your leadership activities.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND VERMILION CATHOLIC, a legacy of MOUNT CARMEL

(Please provide an essay no longer than one page typewritten explaining your desire to be a student at Vermilion Catholic, a legacy of Mount Carmel)

School Transcript: Provide a transcript from the school you are currently attending together with a statement from the principal or guidance counselor giving your rank in class by percentage (upper 5%, 10%, 20% of class). **Current Vermilion Catholic students do not need to provide a transcript as grades will be verified with the upper campus guidance counselor by the scholarship office.**

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