



## Alexander DeFilippis Scholarships

Sponsored by

St. Catherine of Siena Women's Association  
Great Falls, Virginia 22066

*The Alexander DeFilippis Scholarships are awarded in memory of a virtuous parishioner of St. Catherine of Siena Church who was murdered while attending college in Virginia. The scholarships are open to all post-secondary-bound high school seniors who are registered parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Parish or live in Great Falls, McLean, Vienna, Reston, Herndon, Sterling, or Potomac Falls, Virginia. The Scholarship Committee will make its selection based on the students' demonstrated Christian character, compassion, and service to others through involvement in family, school, church and community projects.*

### APPLICATION DIRECTIONS AND COMPONENTS

The application is available for download at <http://st-catherines.net>

The **complete application packet** must be postmarked by **May 15, 2009** or hand-delivered by 4:00 on **May 15, 2009** to:

Scholarship Committee  
St. Catherine of Siena Parish Rectory  
1020 Springvale Road  
Great Falls, VA 22066  
Tel. (703) 759-4350

**The application packet is not considered complete unless it includes ALL of following components. A 100 point scale as designated below will be used to review the application. All materials must adhere to word limits and stated criteria.**

#### PART I PERSONAL INFORMATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ Personal Data Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Service Form (30 points)

#### PART II ESSAY QUESTIONS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Long Essay (20 points)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Short Essay 1 (10 points)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Short Essay 2 (10 points)

#### PART III REFERENCES (10 points each for total of 30)

In considering the applications, the Scholarship Committee relies in part on recommendations from: (1) a teacher or guidance counselor at your high school who can describe your service to the school; (2) a classmate or friend who knows you well and who can describe your service to peers; (3) an adult who can verify your service to the community/church. Give the corresponding form to the person making the recommendation, together with a business envelope. The person should return the recommendation to you in a sealed envelope with his/her name written across the sealed flap.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Guidance Counselor
- \_\_\_\_\_ Classmate/Friend
- \_\_\_\_\_ Adult (non-parent)

**PART 1 PERSONAL INFORMATION****PERSONAL DATA FORM Please type or print.****The following information WILL NOT be available to reviewers.**Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First MiddleAddress \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State ZipDate of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
Use the last four digits as the ID NUMBER on submitted pages.Name of Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
Or Legal Guardian

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**The following information WILL be available to the reviewers.**

High School Attended \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_ GPA \_\_\_\_\_

College or School Attending in Fall of 2009. (Verification of admittance will be required.)  
\_\_\_\_\_List of Classes Taken during Senior Year of High School:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**VOLUNTEER SERVICE***At the moment of death, we will not be judged according to the number of good deeds we have done or by the diplomas we have received in our lifetime. We will be judged according to the love we have put into our work.**Mother Theresa***Please use the following form to describe the types of service that you have performed for your family, community, and/or school.**

**Part I VOLUNTEER SERVICE FORM (Type or Print)**

Blocks may be enlarged for complete descriptions. Form may be duplicated for additional activities. Please put only one activity in each block. Use front side of paper only.

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Type of service performed

Year(s) Accomplished: \_\_\_ Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior Requirement for school activity? YES NO

Please indicate the frequency/time of commitment of activity. Describe briefly the activity. How did you benefit from this experience?

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**PART II      ESSAY QUESTIONS**

**Must be typed in 12 pt. and adhere to word limits. Use only front side of paper. Should include specific examples related to the topic to make it personal.**

**Long Essay Topics (300 – 500 words) – Choose one**

Christian leadership involves a willingness to be a “servant of all.” In our global society such leadership requires flexibility, empathy, courage, and a belief in the common good. Describe someone who models/has modeled such leadership.

St. John of the Cross tells us that at the dusk of life we will be examined on how well we have loved. If your life were to end today, how would Heaven view you in terms of how well you have loved?

**Short Essay Topics (50 – 200 words) – Choose two**

Service opportunities are not always easy to perform. Give an example of when it was difficult for you to practice a Christian life while completing a service and why.

*Charity begins at home* is a common expression. How do you live a Christian life at home? What challenges do you face in reaching this goal?

We are asked to model and live our Christian values every day. How do you strive to meet these expectations?

Besides your parents, describe a person whom you admire and why.

Describe your best character trait and worst character trait. How has your best character trait helped you in life? What have you done to address the negative character trait?



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### SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Guidance, Teacher, Sponsor)

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for a service scholarship. The scholarship committee is interested in evaluating him/her in terms of service to the school, church, and community. All comments will be kept confidential and all material will be destroyed subsequent to its use for scholarship purposes.

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO THE STUDENT in a envelope with your name written across the sealed flap.** The deadline for receiving the complete application (including recommendations) is May 15. Your recommendation must be returned to the student with sufficient time so that he/she can file the completed application package by the deadline.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: (Phone Number or Email): \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what context have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the appropriate rating for this student in the following categories with 5 being the best and U for unknown.

Community Service	5	4	3	2	1	U
Extracurricular Activities	5	4	3	2	1	U
Initiative	5	4	3	2	1	U
Leadership	5	4	3	2	1	U
Work Ethic	5	4	3	2	1	U
Relationship to Others	5	4	3	2	1	U

In 300 words or fewer, please give specific examples of how the applicant has exhibited service in the school community.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.



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**CLASSMATE/FRIEND RECOMMENDATION FORM**

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Work Ethic	5	4	3	2	1	U
Relationship to Others	5	4	3	2	1	U

In 300 words or fewer, please give specific examples of how the applicant has exhibited service to peers and/or in the school community.

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**ADULT RECOMMENDATION FORM**

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact information: (Phone Number or Email): \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what context have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the appropriate rating for this student in the following categories with 5 being the best and U for unknown.

Community Service	5	4	3	2	1	U
Initiative	5	4	3	2	1	U
Leadership	5	4	3	2	1	U
Work Ethic	5	4	3	2	1	U
Relationship to Others	5	4	3	2	1	U

In 300 words or fewer, please give specific examples of how the applicant has exhibited service in the community/church.

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