



2011-2012 CBN-MC High School Scholarship Application

The Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County (öCBNö) is delighted to announce its 11th Annual Catholic High School Scholarship Awards. We invite all eligible students to enter an essay for consideration. The rules and procedures are set forth below. **All essays must be mailed and postmarked by December 10, 2011.**

At least twelve scholarships, of up to \$2,500.00 each, will be awarded to 6 girls and 6 boys who will enter a ***Catholic High School in the Washington Metropolitan Area in the fall of 2012.*** The awards will be presented at **The Scholarship Awards Luncheon to be held in March, 2012.** All winners, parents, principals & pastors are invited as our guests to attend this event.

Eligibility: To be eligible, students must reside in Montgomery County and/or be a student at a Montgomery County Catholic elementary school, and must be entering a Washington Metropolitan Area Catholic High School as a freshman in the Fall of 2012.

Rules: Students must submit an essay according to the following. The Essay must be **no more than 500 words, typewritten using Times Roman or Courier, minimum 12 point font, double spaced and must be the student's own work.** The schools may use this as an assignment, but only ungraded and unedited essays should be submitted to CBN. **PARENTS AND STUDENTS WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN A CERTIFICATION WITH THEIR ESSAY THAT THIS IS THE STUDENT'S OWN WORK PRODUCT.** The essay must be well written and will be judged anonymously on style and grammar, clarity of content, innovation and creativity and conformity with topic. The essay should be submitted in duplicate and have a cover page with the student's **name, address, phone number, email address, the name of the school or parish and must be SIGNED by the student AND parent/guardian as follows, "We certify that the attached essay is my own work product that has not otherwise been edited or revised."** The duplicate should be attached to the original but should not have the student's name on it. It will be assigned a number by CBN and essays will be sent randomly to volunteer judges (non-CBN board members).

All essays submitted will become the property of CBN. CBN reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding eligibility and interpretation of the rules. In the event for any reason the winners do not attend an area Catholic High School, the runner up in that category will receive the scholarship. Checks will be made directly to the high school in August 2011 once attendance is confirmed.

Due Date: All essays must either be **RECEIVED by CBN ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 10, 2011,** or **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10, 2011.**

Essays should be delivered by regular mail to the following address:

CBN SCHOLARSHIP
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ESSAY TOPIC:

Review the passage below from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and see the questions that follow.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues. ¹¹All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

In the passage above, St. Paul specifically discusses the gifts of the Holy Spirit. He writes that "each of us is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." As an 8th grader preparing for both Confirmation and matriculation to a Catholic high school next year, please answer the following questions:

- What gifts have *you* been given through the Holy Spirit?
- What have *you* done for the common good with this manifestation of the Spirit you have been given?

The best essay answers will be narrowly focused on answering these questions with examples from the writer's own personal experience.