

# St. Thomas Parishioner Undergraduate / Vocational Scholarship

## Scholarship Overview

This St. Thomas Scholarship is designed to financially support the academic and vocational pursuits of our dedicated youth and young adults. This award provides financial assistance to students enrolled in accredited higher education graduate or vocational programs who demonstrate a commitment to their Orthodox Christian faith and the St. Thomas community.

- **Award Amount:** Up to \$1,000.00 per academic year.
- **Coverage:** Funds are applied toward tuition and fees. For part-time students, the award will not exceed the total cost of enrollment

## Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Faith:** Must be a practicing Orthodox Christian.
- **Parish Standing:** Must be a St. Thomas parishioner in good standing.
- **Church Attendance:** Must demonstrate regular and consistent attendance at parish services.
- **Educational Enrollment:** Must be enrolled in or accepted to an accredited college or trade school.

## Application Requirements

### 1. Personal Essay

Applicants must submit a two-page, double-spaced essay reflecting on the following prompt:

*"How I will apply my Orthodox Christian faith to my education and career?"*

### 2. Formal Interview

After the application and essay are submitted, candidates will be scheduled for a formal interview. The interview panel may include:

- The Parish Priest
- A member of the Parish Board

## Instructions for Submission

1. **Prepare your Essay:** Ensure your essay is typed and proofread.
2. **Submit Documentation:** Deliver your essay and proof of enrollment (or acceptance) to Nick.Samouris@Gmail.com
3. **Schedule Your Interview:** Once your materials are received, Fr. Seamus or a member of the Board will contact you to coordinate a time for your interview.

**Application Deadline:** June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Note:** Scholarship funds are disbursed directly to the educational institution or provided as reimbursement for documented tuition expenses.