



St. Michael Catholic Church

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2026 Scholarship Application Form

First Name: _____ MI: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a member of the St. Michael Catholic Church? Yes / No How long? _____

High School Graduated Year: _____

High School you will be graduating and receiving a diploma (or have already):

College, University, Trade School or Technical School you plan to attend (or are currently attending)

Name: _____

Full Address: _____

Your Essay Question:

In 800-1000 words, please write an essay on

Who are the people that inspire us? Religious freedom is a fundamental right. However, the truth of religious freedom has needed, and continues to need, witnesses and evangelizers of the Gospels' messages and the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pope Leo XIV, philosophers, and our nations founding fathers/statesmen have articulated key principles and ideas. Evangelizers and advocates have stood up for the freedom of others. Saints have evangelized by their ways of life (by their faith and works - words and deeds), suffered persecution and even martyrdom. These evangelizers and witnesses to freedom show us what it means to demonstrate and promote religious freedom and what it means to be truly free; especially as our nation now celebrates its 250th Anniversary.

Share your story of an evangelizer and witness to freedom. Choose one person (or group, such as an organization or community) who is important in the story of evangelization and religious freedom for you. Was there a key moment in the person's or saint's life or the religious organization's mission that bears witness to religious freedom? Did they articulate important concepts for religious freedom, and if so, what arguments did they make? Why are they an example of our continued need to evangelize and witness to religious freedom in our modern day? What lessons can or have you learned from their works and how have and/or will you integrate these into your faith life and, be an evangelizer and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Gospel by your very words and deeds both on and off campus as a student of higher education?

Please return this application form and your essay by **July 24, 2026**
to the Church's Main Office
(in Halloran Hall, second floor) or mail it to:
St. Michael Church, P.O. Box 199, Calhan, CO 80808.

As a reminder, use only your initials on your essay (no names, please).

A cover page or letter on your essay is not needed.

To be completed by the parish's Office Manager and Pastor/Parochial Administrator

Date Received: _____ Received by: _____

Is this applicant a member of the St. Michael Parish Church? Yes / No

Are they registered with the St. Michael Parish Church? Yes / No

Is the applicant's essay attached to the application? Yes / No

Verification completed by: _____

Other Remarks:
