

# Youth Faith In Action Scholarship

## Recognizing high school seniors who show commitment to service through their Catholic faith.

The annual Mary Jeanne Kennedy Anderson Youth Faith in Action Scholarship pays tribute to Mary for her devotion and service to children in schools and in honor of her life guided by her Catholic faith. Mary's heart was filled with love for God, family and children.

### About Mary

#### Mary Jeanne Kennedy

Anderson was a retired Madison-area nurse who served on the Catholic Charities Diocese of Madison board of directors and various committees. She was a devoted mother of five and grandmother of nine who enjoyed volunteering and directing her energies to helping others. She passed away on Dec. 6, 2013 from ovarian cancer. The Mary Jeanne Kennedy Anderson Youth Faith in Action Scholarship was established by her family and Catholic Charities in 2014.



**The Award**  
**\$2,000**

Each to two seniors in the Diocese of Madison

### 2023-24 Application Requirements

Catholic Charities Diocese of Madison's Mary Jeanne Kennedy Anderson Youth Faith in Action Scholarship recognizes two high school seniors who have shown a commitment to community service with \$2,000 scholarships. Applicants will be evaluated on their past and current parish and community service, leadership roles, and commitment to putting their faith in action in the future.

**Application Deadline:** Dec. 15, 2023

**Residency:** Diocese of Madison

**Academic:** High school senior during the 2023-2024 academic year; Plans to attend a college, university or technical school in 2024; Minimum GPA of 3.0

**Criteria:** Current member of a Diocese of Madison parish; Parish and community service, including leadership roles; Commitment to a future that encompasses a dedication to their faith in action.

**Awards:** Two awardees per year, \$2,000 scholarship per awardee. Scholarships

will be presented to recipients by Bishop Donald Hying on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2024 at Frassati Fest in Wisconsin Dells.

#### **Application Materials:**

##### **1. Scholarship Application Form**

**2. Essay:** A 300- to 400-word, typed essay describing a) how you have put your faith in action, b) how you will continue to put your faith in action in your life and c) the importance this holds for you and your community.

##### **3. Personal Reference Questionnaire:**

The questionnaire must be completed by a parish priest, deacon or director of religious education indicating your level of parish involvement. Questionnaires may also be completed by a priest or deacon previously assigned to your parish.

**How to Submit:** Applicants can a) use the electronic submission form at catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/scholarship OR b) attach all application materials to a single email and send it to scholarship@ccmadison.org.



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## 2023-2024 Application Form

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

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Form of Communication:  Text  Email  Phone call

Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Year of H.S. Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Phone & Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Preferred Form of Communication:  Text  Email  Phone call

Please summarize 3-4 parish and/or community service projects or activities you have been involved in during the past three years.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_



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3. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Length of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your future plans for college, i.e. college you plan to attend and field of study.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

**To complete this application, please attach:**

1. A 300-400 word, typed essay describing a) how you have put your faith in action, b) how you will continue to put your faith in action in your life and c) the importance this holds for you and your community.
2. A completed Personal Reference Questionnaire from your parish priest, deacon or director of religious education indicating your level of parish involvement. Questionnaires may also be completed by a priest or deacon previously assigned to your parish.

**Send completed application/essay/personal reference questionnaire in one email to Catholic Charities at [scholarship@ccmadison.org](mailto:scholarship@ccmadison.org) no later than December 15, 2023.**

**To submit application online, visit [catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/scholarship](http://catholiccharitiesofmadison.org/scholarship)**



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## 2023-2024 Personal Reference Questionnaire

**Reference for:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a reference for the above-named applicant who is applying for the Mary Jeanne Kennedy Anderson Youth Faith in Action Scholarship. Your answers to the following questions will assist the Catholic Charities Review Committee select the two scholarship awardees. Please return this to the applicant. They will submit with their other required materials. Thank you for your time and thoughtfulness.

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

2. What do you consider to be the applicant's assets (skills, talents, interests, personal qualities)?

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3. In your opinion, how would you assess the applicant's character and level of maturity?

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4. In your opinion, how would you assess the applicant's level of spiritual development?

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### Character Traits

Regarding the traits that follow, please circle the word which best describes the applicant's character.

**INVOLVEMENT:** Consider his/her involvement in parish, Diocesan and community service.      **Excellent**      **Superior**      **Average**      **Poor**

**LEADERSHIP:** Consider initiative, ability to see things to do, ability to plan and organize; self-confidence; competence with groups.      **Excellent**      **Superior**      **Average**      **Poor**

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Consider reliability, faithfulness to obligations and promises, perseverance and performance.      **Excellent**      **Superior**      **Average**      **Poor**

**COMMITMENT:** Consider attitude and evidence of commitment to spiritual development and putting his/her faith in action in the future.      **Excellent**      **Superior**      **Average**      **Poor**

### Signature

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Parish/Pastorate: \_\_\_\_\_