

THE HENRY & CATHERINE BENNING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Any 2026 graduate of St. John the Baptist Parish who has an accumulative grade point average of 3.00 or above on a 4-point scale may apply. This senior should be planning to attend an accredited college, university, or technical school. The applicant should also be involved in the church & community.

Application forms will be available at St. John's church. The completed forms are to be returned to the rectory (in our hands) no later than **May 1, 2026 by 4:30pm**. The applications will be reviewed by St. John's Finance Committee. If a Finance Committee member's family is a candidate for the scholarship, a member of the Parish Council will sit on the committee rather than the involved Finance Committee member.

To establish the Henry & Catherine Benning Memorial Scholarship, the estate of Jerome A. Benning willed \$20,000 to St. John's Parish to be invested and the interest will be used each year to give out two \$600 Scholarships. The scholarships will be awarded at the Baccalaureate luncheon.

The attached forms will be used. An application form, the Spiritual Work of Mercy form, the Corporal Works of Mercy form, and two personal reference forms. On all the forms please sign your name on the line provided. Thank you!

APPLICATION FORM

THE HENRY & CATHERINE BENNING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DEADLINE: **May 1, 2026 by 4:30pm**
Scholarship Program

Name _____ Address _____
Phone No. _____ Birthdate _____

SCHOLARSHIP: Attach a transcript

FUTURE PLANS: What college do you plan to attend:
First Choice _____ Second Choice _____
Have you applied? _____ Have you been accepted? _____

CCD ATTENDANCE: _____ CLASSES OUT OF _____ CLASSES FOR ALL FOUR YEARS
To be filled out by Parish Office only

SERVICE:

<u>Activities</u>	<u>No. of Years</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
Church:		
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Community/Work Experience:

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

CHARACTER:

Please complete the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy forms.

List the names of two (2) persons, one must be a current or previous Religious Education Teacher and another outside the academic setting the applicant chooses, you have contacted concerning a recommendation for this scholarship. (Members of the finance committee cannot write recommendation.) Give them the recommendation forms received with this application. The applicant will be responsible for an envelope addressed to the St. John's Parish, Box 48, Glandorf, OH 45848. **Postmarked before April 3rd. Due to delays with the United States Postal Service, we recommend dropping off the applications at the office.**

_____ Name _____ Address _____

Spiritual Works of Mercy Form

Counsel the Doubtful
Instruct the Ignorant
Admonish the Sinners
Comfort the Sorrowful
Forgive Offenses Willingly
Bear Wrongs Patiently

Pray for the Living and the Dead

Ideas for the Spiritual Works of Mercy

Pray for the Living & the Dead: · Give up time on video games and social media –use the equivalent time to pray (for: soldiers, sick/dying, pope, bishops, babies, etc) · Memorize the “Eternal Rest” prayer and commit to saying it daily for souls in purgatory · Sign up at St. John’s to lead the Rosary at funerals and funeral homes · Sign up to pray for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration at St. John’s on the first Saturday of the month · Use a small notebook to list people who ask for/need prayers and pray for them every day · Offer up prayers when you hear sirens · Request a Mass intention for a living or deceased person

Bear Wrongs Patiently: · If someone is mean to you or mistreats you, don’t be mean back – do something to show love instead · When you are frustrated with someone, step away from the situation, breathe, and pray the Our Father for patience · Pray the Litany of Humility

Instruct the Ignorant: · Teach children their prayers · Volunteer to assist at Sunday School during the 10:30 Mass · Learn your faith and share it with others · Peer tutor at school · Attend a parish faith study or event · Assist a teacher at VBS · Listen to Holy Family Catholic Radio WJTA 88.9 and share what you learn · Invite someone to attend Mass with you

Admonish the Sinner: · Refuse to join in sinful actions; with respect and charity, explain why the action is sinful to those involved · Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation – invite your family to join you · If someone has used social media to hurt another person, or themselves, help them understand why it is wrong · Use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to learn why particular acts/beliefs are wrong to help the person understand the wrong in that action or belief

Comfort the Sorrowful: · Support and pray with someone who is are going through difficult times · Give encouraging words to those who have lost athletic events or other opportunities · Do something special for someone who is down that you think will help bring them joy · Write a note or card to someone who is having a difficult time · Offer a smile, a listening ear, or help to someone who is struggling; ask how you can help them

Forgive Offenses Willingly: · Don’t hold grudges against someone who has hurt you; forgive them and tell them so – even before they apologize · Don’t gossip, especially when someone has wronged you · Be kind to your “enemies” – give them another chance · Pray for those who have hurt you and seek to understand the differences · Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation · Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Counsel the Doubtful: · Discuss the weekly homily with your family · Be a good listener when someone approaches you with a problem; offer to pray with that person to Jesus asking help · Help bullies find a better way by praying for and encouraging them to change their words or actions; pray for and be a friend to someone being bullied

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please choose 3 different Spiritual Works of Mercy that you have completed during your High School career and record what work of Mercy that you did and what you actually did for that work of mercy. Be thoughtful in your reflection. If you feel the person receiving your work of Mercy felt “ happy” -explain how you know. What did they say to you to reflect their thank?

1) Name the Spiritual Work of Mercy : _____

What project did you do?

How did your service positively impact those you served? Explain how you know.

How was your behavior, attitude and service a reflection of Jesus to those you served?

2) Name the Spiritual Work of Mercy you did:

What project did you do?

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3) Name the Spiritual Work of Mercy you did:

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Corporal Works of Mercy Form

Feed the Hungry
Give Drink to the Thirsty
Shelter the Homeless
Clothe the Naked
Visit the Sick
Visit the Imprisoned
Bury the Dead

Ideas for the Corporal Works of Mercy

Visit the Imprisoned: • Learn what the Church teaches about Capital Punishment: Read Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2265, 2266, 2267 • Write and mail letters full of encouragement and hope to those imprisoned • Donate Bibles or a subscription of *The Word Among Us* to inmates in Lima • Visit someone who is homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home • Be a helper to someone who is “imprisoned” by a handicap

Bury the Dead: • Help take care of a cemetery – clean up garbage, plant flags on graves for Memorial Day • Make a desert and deliver to a funeral home for those grieving • Pray a Rosary at a funeral visitation or funeral service • Attend a funeral for someone in the community • Research what to say, and what not to say, to persons who are grieving • Visit a cemetery and pray for the dead • Pray at an abortion clinic for the lives lost to abortion

Shelter the Homeless: • Donate or volunteer at Habitat for Humanity or a homeless shelter • Offer to do yard work at a homeless shelter • Make and send care packages with special treats to Gifts of Joy in the back of our church • If power goes out in the community and you have power, offer someone to stay at your house • Host one of the NET Confirmation Retreat missionaries • Send cards to servicemen overseas

Feed the Hungry: • Help at a food bank/food pantry (stock shelves, clean, organize, package) • Avoid favorite foods for a period of time, and give saved money to the needy • Organize a bake sale and donate the money earned to an organization fighting hunger • Make a meal for a family with a new baby or a family who has suffered the death of a loved one • Purchase a gift card to a restaurant to give to a homeless person or make a bag of snacks and water and keep in car to readily give to a homeless person you see

Visit the Sick: • Bring someone who is sick a home cooked meal • Send cards to relatives or friends who are sick • Send thank you notes to nurses and doctors • Visit those in the nursing home – talk with them to get to know them • Volunteer at a hospital or a veterinary clinic • Volunteer to call Bingo at a nursing home

Clothe the Naked: • Support our parish’s Advent Angels Giving Tree • Donate diapers to Heartbeat • Knit or crochet hats, scarves, blankets and give to a hospital, homeless shelter or Thrift Store • Contact Diana Meyer’s Piecemaker’s Sewing Group who sews items for CPPS missions, especially girls in Africa – sew for them or donate material

Give Drink to the Thirsty: • Use a timer to cut your shower time in half for a few days or more • Give up soda, and give equivalent money toward wells or purifiers in developing areas • Set up a lemonade stand and give proceeds to Catholic Relief Services • Give someone who is sick Holy Water and let them know you’ll pray for them • Carry water in your family car to give to a homeless person • Offer a drink to someone working outside

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Please choose 3 different Corporal Works of Mercy that you have completed during your High School career and record what work of Mercy that you did and what you actually did for that work of mercy. Be thoughtful in your reflection. If you feel the person receiving your work of Mercy felt “happy” -explain how you know. What did they say to you to reflect their thank?

RECORD YOUR WORK FOR YOUR CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY BELOW. Name: _____

1) Name the Corporal Work of Mercy : _____

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Applicant's Personal Reference Form

_____ has applied for The Henry & Catherine Benning Memorial Scholarship and has given your name as a reference. Your candid opinion of the applicant's suitability to be considered for this scholarship will be appreciated. All information will be kept strictly confidential by the scholarship committee and after it is reviewed by them it will be destroyed. Please fill out this form and return it to the **St. John the Baptist Rectory, PO Box 48, Glandorf, OH 45848 by May 1, 2025, by 4:30pm (postmarked by April 3rd to be eligible. Due to delays with the United States Postal Service, we recommend dropping off the applications at the office).**

1. Please check items in the degree you feel they apply to the applicant.

		Above		
	Excellent	Average	Average	Poor
Dependability	_____	_____	_____	_____
Honesty	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self-Discipline	_____	_____	_____	_____
Gets Along Well with Others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Initiative & Leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____

2. How long have you known the applicant? _____

3. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____

If employer:

Dates of employment: _____ Position held: _____

Work Record: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

4. What Saint qualities does this student possess that would cause you to recommend him/her for this scholarship?

Please use back of form if more space is needed.

Date _____ Signature _____ Position _____

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