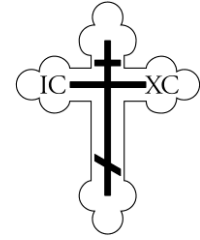


**Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest  
Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship  
2021**



***Purpose of the Scholarship:***

Scholarships are awarded to Orthodox youth of the Antiochian Archdiocese who have resided within the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest for at least one year prior to awarding of the scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students showing outstanding commitment to and involvement in their church community.

***Scholarship Awards:***

Rather than make the selection based solely on academic achievement or financial need, a board of judges has the duty of selecting scholarship recipients primarily on the student's life in the church. Judges will be using a personal essay, an evaluation from a parish priest, a recommendation from a fellow parishioner, and involvement in parish activities. Grades and test scores will be given minimal consideration. Four \$750 scholarships will be awarded at the Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest Parish Life Conference in June 2021.

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Please confirm your application includes all the following prior to submission, as only complete applications will be considered for awards:

- Completed application, typed or printed**
- Short essay**
- Church and School Activities form**
- School Official Endorsement form, emailed or submitted in a signed and sealed envelope**  
*This may be a school counselor or administrator.*
- Church Member Endorsement form, emailed or submitted in a signed and sealed envelope**  
*This may be someone who served as your church school teacher, SOYO advisor, mentor, or someone you grew up with at church that knows your character and involvement.*
- Parish Priest Endorsement form, emailed or submitted in a signed and sealed envelope**  
*This may be your home parish priest, or priest from the church you attend while at school.*

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Submit applications, postmarked or emailed by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to

**St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church**

**Attn: Midwest Scholarship Committee**

**2250 East Paris Ave SE**

**Grand Rapids, MI 49546**

or to ***antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com***

*Please direct any questions to antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com*

## Applicant Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Home Parish \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Parish Priest \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

## University Information

Name of College / University \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Commuter  Resident   
Will be attending  Currently attending  Expected graduation year \_\_\_\_\_  
Current or Future Undergraduate Major / Program \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship Pledge

During the tenure of any award given to me, I promise that I will continue to participate in the Orthodox Faith and further support its principles and activities to the best of my ability. I also understand that falsification of any part of this application will result in the requesting of a refund of the total amount of the award. I will keep the Chairperson informed of any changes in my address, curriculum, and/or school attended. Finally, I will immediately report a withdrawal from school, during the award period, to the Chairperson. Upon such withdrawal, I understand that I may be liable to refund the award, subject to the discretion of the Diocesan Council.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Short Essay

On a separate page, please include a short essay in regards to the topic below. Please do not exceed 2 pages, double-spaced. Essay will be scored with a focus on specific examples and details. A small portion will be weighted toward grammar and coherence.

*Please expand on this bible verse and its three parts, with specifics in how its importance is exemplified in your life:*

*John 14:6* Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

**Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest**  
**Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship**  
*Church and School Activities Form*

Church and youth group activities in the past four years:

<b>Organization/Activities</b>	<b>Role in this activity</b>	<b>Years of participation</b>
Ex: Teen SOYO	Ex: Secretary	Ex: 2018-present

High school, civic, or college activities in the past four years:

<b>Organization/Activities</b>	<b>Role in this activity</b>	<b>Years of participation</b>

**Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest**  
**Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship**  
*School Official Endorsement Form*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

This applicant is applying for the Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship from the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest. Scholarships are awarded to worthy Orthodox Christian youth of outstanding involvement in their church and religious life that are pursuing a degree in an accredited college or university. Thank you for your assistance in completing these questions!

School Official's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title \_\_\_\_\_

Unweighted GPA \_\_\_\_\_

ACT Score \_\_\_\_\_

SAT Score (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Include a copy of the student's most recent transcript along with this form.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete this form, seal it in an envelope with your signature over the seal. You should then return this to the applicant so they can submit the application all together. Or you may email a copy of this form to [antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:antonybashirscholarship@gmail.com). Due by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

*Note: This form must be completed for the applicant to be considered for this scholarship.*

*\*If, for any reason you are not able to have this completed due to schools being closed, please do your best to provide us with an unofficial most recent transcript, and grades.\**

**Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest**  
**Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship**  
*Church Member Endorsement Form*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

This applicant is applying for the Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship from the Antiochian Orthodox Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest. Scholarships are awarded to worthy Orthodox Christian youth who have had outstanding involvement in their church and religious life, rather than on the basis of academic achievement or financial need. Students must be pursuing a degree at an accredited college or university. Thank you for your assistance in completing these questions!

Church Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Role/Relationship to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

How well do you know the applicant?

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In what capacity does the applicant participate in the life of the Church?

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Please comment on why this applicant should receive this scholarship.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest**  
**Metropolitan Antony Bashir Memorial Scholarship**  
*Parish Priest Endorsement Form*

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Clergy Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ City/State \_\_\_\_\_

		Not Involved	↔	Very Involved		
1	Liturgical attendance & participation	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
2	Participation in sacraments	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
3	Special services/Holy Week attendance	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
4	Church school attendance	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
5	Altar boy	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
6	Choir/chanting	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
7	Sunday school teacher	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
8a	Teen SOYO/OCF member	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
8b	Do you have an active Teen SOYO?	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
9	Teen SOYO officer	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
10	Active in diocesan/NAC Teen SOYO/OCF?	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
11	Oratorical participant	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
12	Bible Bowl participant	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
13	Creative Festivals participant	n/a	1	2	3	4 5
14	Community volunteer work	n/a	1	2	3	4 5

Given the focus this year on church involvement, please comment *with specifics* on why the applicant should receive this scholarship.

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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