



St. Joseph Parish

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Dear Parents and Senior Class Member:

As you contemplate your high school graduation, we encourage you to apply for the Josephine C. Otto Memorial Scholarship given since 2003 to a member of St. Joseph Catholic Parish. It was established by Carol Otto Buatti to honor her mother, a member of the parish for 55 years, from 1939 until her death in 1994.

The scholarship is administered through the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation (AAACF) and uses an online application. To apply, go to AAACF's website www.aaacf.org, click on **Scholarships**, then follow the instructions on **How to Apply** using the online application. If you have any questions about the application, please contact Maryellen Ferro, AAACF Program Officer, at mferro@aaacf.org or 734-663-0401. It is very important that you read the directions carefully as each scholarship listed on this website has directions specific to it. In particular, make sure that you obtain two recommendations that are submitted using the website's Scholarship Recommendation Form. Letters of Recommendation cannot be attached or submitted in any other format.

Applications are reviewed by a committee of St. Joseph Parish members and are followed by an hour-long interview for the finalists. The amount for the award ranges from \$1,000 to \$3,000, depending on the number of recipients. In 2018, scholarships totaling \$3,000 were awarded.

With the increasing costs for college tuition and books, we urge you to have your student go online, read and complete the application along with the requisite essay and transcripts, and submit it to AAACF no later than 3 pm on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

Shalom,

Fr. Brendan J. Walsh
Pastor

Don Dalglish
Youth Minister

Carol Otto Buatti