

Holy Trinity Parish Graduation Awards
Bolton/Harvard, MA

Information regarding applications

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Member of Holy Trinity Parish, Bolton/Harvard, MA
2. June 2021 graduating high school senior
3. Pursuing Higher Education
4. Active in Holy Trinity Parish community and community at large
5. Good academic standing

Application Procedure:

1. Complete the five-page application form. ***It is essential all requested information be provided and complete.*** Please do not include any other material that has not been requested. Do not include a resume. A checklist is available at the end of the application for your convenience. Do not turn in the checklist with the application.
2. Submit a copy of the acceptance letter from the school/college you plan to attend. Submit with the application or under separate cover.
3. Provide a personal reference from a **Holy Trinity parishioner** who is not a member of your family and who is not a member of the parish award committee or the award selection committee.* The letter should attest to your character, parish community commitment and worthiness of one of the awards. The parishioner should email the letter **directly** to jeanwalsh@charter.net . Applications without a letter of recommendation will not be considered for an award.
4. Scan and email application submissions to the Award Selection Committee via email to jeanwalsh@charter.net You may also call Jean Walsh at 978-456-8056 if you have any questions about the process. Completed Applications are due **April 30, 2021**.
5. The winners of the awards have customarily been announced at a Baccalaureate Mass held the end of May or beginning of June. In submitting an application, you are a possible recipient and are encouraged and expected to attend that mass in order to receive the award. However, because of the virus pandemic, the event is on hold. The Parish Awards Committee will keep applicants informed of the status of that mass date. If it is not possible to safely have that mass, winners will be notified via email and the church bulletin and will be granted their congratulatory letters and awards via postal mail.

*Award Committee:

Sally Dancause, Loretta DiPietro, Deborah Oliva, Sharon Pelland, Terry Symula,
Jean Walsh, and Kathy Walter

Award Selection Committee:

Ed Bloom, Loretta DiPietro, Michael Flaherty, Susan Starr, and Don Vespa.

Application

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Personal

Name			
	<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>Middle</i>
Mailing Address			
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Street</i>	<i>PO Box</i>
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Zip Code</i>
Home Phone			
Email address			
Parents'/Guardians' full names			
	<i>Mother</i>	<i>Father</i>	

Educational Background

High School Now Attending _____

Academic Achievement
Grade Point Average _____
Name of Guidance Counselor (Confirming GPA) _____
Additional Counselor Comments: <i>(optional)</i>

Post-Secondary Educational Plan *(Please attach as a separate typed page.)*

Briefly describe your plan for course of study after high school graduation and indicate your intended subject area of concentration and the name of the school or college you plan to attend.

Name _____

**Holy Trinity Parish Community Involvement
Liturgy/Religious Education**

Question	Your answer
1. Do you attend Mass on a regular basis?	
2. Have you attended religious education classes on a regular basis?	
3. What was the last grade you completed in religious education?	

Personal Statement

(Please attach as a separate typed page.)

In one or two paragraphs (approximately 500 words or less) please answer the following question:
What has your parish meant to you in your faith journey?

Name _____

Parish Ministries

List the ministries in which you have been involved (altar server, altar server trainer, lector, Eucharistic minister, greeter, music ministries, religious education teacher or aide.). Do not include volunteer activities in this section. (*Be as specific as you can. If you need more room feel free to attach a separate page.*)

List Each Parish Ministry	Grade When Participated A	How many times per year * B	How many hrs each time* C	Total Number of hours for activity**	Leave Blank
<i>Example:</i> <i>Religious Education Aide</i>	<i>Grade 10 – Oct. – May</i>	<i>20 weeks</i>	<i>2 hours/ week</i>	<i>40 hours</i>	
<i>Altar Server</i>	<i>Grade 4-12 (9 years)</i>	<i>12 weeks</i>	<i>1 hour</i>	<i>108 hours</i>	

*Provide an exact number if possible or otherwise an average, estimate or approximate number.
 **Multiply the number of years/grades (column A) times number of times per year (column B) times the number of hours devoted to each participation (column C).
 For an activity that was also part of an educational/graduation requirement, mark as *NHS* for National Honor Society or *SP* for School Project. Do not include Religious Ed class requirements.

Name _____

Parish Volunteerism (other than formal ministry)

List your parish volunteer involvement; e.g., cooking for Mustard Seed, Camp Sunshine, Loaves & Fishes, working on the overcoat drive, assisting with church functions (barbecue, decorating the church for Christmas and Easter, assisting with various parish celebrations), etc. *(Be as specific as you can. If you need more room feel free to attach a separate page.)*

Parish Volunteer Activities	Grade When Participated A	How many times per year * B	How many hrs each time* C	Total Number of hours for activity**	Leave Blank
<i>Example: Church Overcoat Drive</i>	<i>Grade 7</i>	<i>Once per yr</i>	<i>4 hours</i>	<i>4 hours</i>	
<i>***Camp Sunshine</i>	<i>Grade 10</i>	<i>5 days</i>	<i>10 hrs/ day</i>	<i>50 hours</i>	
<i>Church Christmas Decorating</i>	<i>Grade 5-10 (6 years)</i>	<i>1 day</i>	<i>2 hours</i>	<i>12 hours</i>	

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 **Multiply the number of years/grades (column A) times number of times per year (column B) times the number of hours devoted to each participation (column C).
 ***For this application calculate 10 hours per day for Camp Sunshine Service.
 For an activity that was also part of an educational/graduation requirement, mark as **NHS** for National Honor Society or **SP** for School Project. Do not include Religious Ed class requirements.

Name _____

Community Volunteerism (other than formal ministry)

List your community volunteer service involvement in the community at large. e.g. Special Olympics, community fund raising drive, Loaves & Fishes, global encounter, teaching handicapped, school volunteer programs, etc.

Community Volunteer Activities	Grade When Participated A	How many times per year * B	How many hrs each time* C	Total Number of hours for activity**	Leave Blank
<i>Example: Relay for Life</i>	<i>Grade5</i>	<i>2 days</i>	<i>8 hours</i>	<i>16 hours</i>	
<i>Special Olympics</i>	<i>Gr. 6, 8 & 10</i>	<i>1 day</i>	<i>4 hours</i>	<i>12 hours</i>	

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My Letter of Reference will be submitted by: _____
Name

Applicant’s Signature: I hereby apply for a Holy Trinity Parish Award and declare that all information I have submitted is accurate.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Application Checklist

(For Student use only)

Application Section	Check if Complete
Personal Information	
Educational Information Name of School Counselor	
Post Education Plan statement attached	
Liturgy/Religion Education questions answered	
Personal Statement Attached	
Parish Ministry	
Parish Volunteer Activities	
Community Service Activities	
Reference Letter Supply Handout to the person you have asked to write the letter	
Reference Letter Follow up and confirm that letter has been sent to the committee.	
Submit a copy of acceptance letter from the school/college you plan to attend.	
Make sure your name is on each page.	
Sign and Date the Application..	
Scan and email application material to arrive by the deadline	

Letter of Recommendation Information Sheet

Information handout for the person you have chosen to write your recommendation.

The Letter of Recommendation guidelines:

As a **Holy Trinity parishioner** who is not a member of the student's family and who is not a member of the award committee or the award selection committee, you have been asked to provide a personal reference for this award candidate. Your letter should attest to the student's character, parish community commitment and worthiness of one of the awards. You should email the letter **directly** to the Award Selection Committee via jeanwalsh@charter.net by the deadline of **April 30, 2021**. Do not give it to the student to submit. Applications without a letter of recommendation will not be considered for an award.