

**SAINT RAPHAEL GUILD  
2008 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP  
AND  
THE DONNA ZGRABIK FOUNDATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

The St. Raphael Guild is committed to passing on God's love in everything we do. In this spirit, we would like to recognize and award parish teens who display and share God's love by their daily example and their service to others.

The Guild is pleased to extend an invitation to all parish eighth graders planning to attend an area Catholic high school to apply for one of two non-renewable \$500 scholarships. We warmly welcome and enthusiastically encourage all eighth graders attending either the parish grade school or a neighboring middle school to apply.

Applications for the St. Raphael Guild Scholarship must meet the following criteria:

1. Be an eighth grade student and a parishioner of St. Raphael Church.
2. Be accepted and plan to attend an area Catholic high school.
3. Provide 2 letters of recommendation with your completed application form. These can come from parish priests, teachers, family members, scout leaders, coaches, or basically anyone who knows you well enough to describe and attest to your positive commitment to living a life guided by Christian values. Recommendation letters are to be sent directly to the parish Administration Office.
4. Submit this cover sheet and essay (either by mail or in person) by Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2008.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send your completed application form to:

St. Raphael Guild Scholarship Committee  
St. Raphael Church  
525 Dover Center Road  
Bay Village, Ohio 44140

**St. Raphael Guild  
2008 High School Scholarship  
The Donna Zgrabik Memorial Scholarship**

**Recommendation Letter Guidelines**

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**Applicants will be evaluated on the way they demonstrate Christian values in their daily lives and their commitment to serving others. Please describe the applicant's talents, special gifts, and activities that demonstrate the above criteria. All recommendation letters must be submitted (either by mail or in person) by Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2008 to:**

**St. Raphael Guild Scholarship Committee  
St. Raphael Parish  
525 Dover Center Road  
Bay Village, Ohio 44140**

**Note: In an effort to be as fair as possible, all applications submitted to the scholarship evaluation committee are anonymous. \*Please do not refer to the applicant by name in your recommendation letter.\* Instead, to identify your letter, kindly attach a note with the student's name to your recommendation letter. Thank you for your time and interest in the youth of our parish.**

**St. Raphael Guild  
2008 High School Scholarship  
Student Essay**

**Please provide the following information in essay form on a separate sheet of paper. Essays may be typed or neatly written. Do not put your name on the essay. Submit the cover sheet, essay, and two recommendation letters to the Administration Office by Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2008.**

- 1. Name of high school you are planning to attend.**
- 2. What have you done for your Confirmation Service?**
- 3. Have you been involved in any other service activities/projects in your home, parish, school, or community? Please tell us about all of them.**
- 4. Why/how did you decide to be involved in the service activities/projects you have participated in? What impact do you feel you made? What can you personally do to promote service?**
- 5. The following is taken from the hymn "Pass It On":**

**"It only takes a spark to get a fire going, and soon all those around can warm up to its glowing. That's how it is with God's love; once you have experienced it, you spread His love to everyone; you want to pass it on."**

**Reflecting on these words, what challenge do you think you will face as a high school student? How will you meet those challenges? How will you strive to "pass on" God's love throughout your high school years?**

**Thank you for applying for the St. Raphael Guild Scholarships. Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded in early June.**