

THE ADRIAN GONSOLIN SCHOLARSHIP

Adrian Gonsolin, a long-time member of Good Shepherd Parish, a third degree Knight of Columbus, and a staunch supporter of education and the local community, used his estate to establish an undergraduate scholarship for the benefit of practicing Catholic high school students of the parish. His scholarship(s) will be awarded annually at the discretion of the Pastor and the recommendation of the Adrian Gonsolin Scholarship Committee.

Scholarships are awarded to defray the cost of tuition and college/university on-campus expenses (books, fees, room and board, etc.). **Scholarship funds will be payable by check made out only to the college/university listed on the application.** Beginning in the fall of 2015, the State of Tennessee's two year colleges became tuition-free. Good Shepherd high school seniors who enroll in one of the State's tuition-free, two year college programs, or defer college admission to serve in the U.S. military, are encouraged to apply for a deferred full scholarship. A partial scholarship will be awarded for those qualified students attending a tuition-free college program. Those attending the two year tuition-free college programs would be eligible for two years of full scholarship awards if they subsequently enroll at a four year college as a full-time student. Those joining the military would have eligibility determined on a case-by-case basis. If awarded a deferred scholarship, that scholarship must be renewed annually per the reapplication provisions listed below (including the second year of two year college attendance).

The value of the scholarship may vary annually based on the amount of scholarship money available; whether a winner is enrolled as a full-time student in a two or four year college program; and, the number of scholarship winners each year.

The scholarship is renewable annually for up to four years as long as the winner remains full-time student in good standing (GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale). To renew the Adrian Gonsolin scholarship, you only need to complete the application for renewal in subsequent years and submit the latest transcript to reconfirm desire and qualifications to continue as a scholarship recipient.

Applicant Requirements:

- Must be a fully initiated Catholic (received the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation) and be a practicing Catholic – active member of Good Shepherd Parish for at least one year.
- Must have demonstrated exemplary citizenship in the parish / local community.
- Must be a current high school graduate in the top half of their graduating class; have an ACT score of 23 or better; and be matriculating into a fully accredited, under-graduate college degree program

Applications are available on line (at goodshepherdtn.com) and must be submitted to the Good Shepherd Church Office with all below supporting paperwork no earlier than March 1st and no later than April 1st. Scholarship awards will be made and winners notified by letter in May.

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Checklist of Items to Include with Submittal:

- The Adrian Gonsolin Scholarship Application Form
- Adrian Gonsolin Scholarship Applicant's Statement: A one-page or less, printed or typed essay by the student to include why the student believes they are qualified for the scholarship through parish participation, community service and academic achievement. The essay should include leadership positions held, honors/awards (if applicable), and how the student's current / future activities will enhance the legacy of the Adrian Gonsolin Scholarship.
- Faculty - Administrator Recommendation Form
- Parish - Community Leader Recommendation Form
- Parish Certification Form
- Parish Priest Recommendation Form
- Most recent, official High School Transcript including class rank and official ACT scores mailed directly from the school to the following address:

Good Shepherd Parish

Attention: The Adrian Gonsolin Scholarship Committee

2021 Decherd Blvd., Decherd, TN 37324

Phone: (931) 967-0961 email: gsoffice1@bellsouth.net

All scholarship applications for the next academic year are due to the above address no earlier than March 1 and no later than March 31.

The Adrian Gonsolin Scholarship Committee does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its scholarship program.