



DIOCESAN WIDE SPIRIT OF LOVE SCHOLARSHIP

Spirit of Love Scholarship Overview

Rebekah Leah Rivera was a member of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church who died on June 20, 2004. She attended Mary Immaculate Catholic School and graduated from Ursuline Academy of Dallas in 2001. She also had strong ties with the Jesuit Community. Rebekah lived a life of loving service to her church and community. For this reason, her friends and family wish to keep her memory alive by awarding scholarships to young people who live their lives with that same spirit.

Qualifications for the Diocesan Wide Spirit of Love College/University Scholarship OR High School Scholarship

- 1) For the **College/University Scholarship**:
 - Be a graduating high school senior in **May 2026 and**
 - Be a registered parishioner in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas **and**
 - Provide proof of volunteer community service throughout the last 4 years.
- 2) For the **High School Scholarship**:
 - Be a graduating eighth grader in **May 2026 and**
 - Be a registered parishioner in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas **and**
 - Provide proof of volunteer community service throughout the last 2 years.

Only one scholarship application will be considered per applicant. If criteria for multiple scholarships are met, the applicant must select which scholarship to apply for and submit **one** application along with required materials as detailed in the Application Checklist.

How to Apply

To apply for a Diocesan Wide Spirit of Love Scholarship, please complete and submit the attached application, as well as the following:

- ❖ Complete volunteer community service information on attached form
- ❖ Parish registration verification letter on Church letterhead signed by the parish pastor or secretary
- ❖ At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, priest, youth minister, club, or organization sponsor
- ❖ An official school transcript
- ❖ A recent non-copyrighted photo of yourself
- ❖ Provide a written essay (500 words or less, double-spaced) on this topic:

Using the verse from Romans 8:28, "And we know all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." How have you seen God work during a challenging time in your life? During this time, were you aware how you and God worked together towards a positive solution? Explain. How has this challenge strengthened your faith in God to be able to help someone else going through a difficult time in their life?

Please complete the attached **Application Checklist**. For your application to be considered complete, the checklist **MUST BE INCLUDED** with your application packet. **INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATION PACKETS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

The application process begins January 2, 2026, with the deadline of February 1, 2026



All application materials must be submitted via email to scholarships@rebekahleahrivera.org and **received by 11:59 P.M. CST on February 1, 2026.** For information or any questions regarding submission, please contact Marci Meagher, Scholarship Coordinator, at scholarships@rebekahleahrivera.org.



DIOCESAN WIDE SPIRIT OF LOVE COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

School:

Church:

School you plan to attend:

School Address:

Home Address:

City:

State/Zip:

Home Phone:

Where did you hear or read about the Spirit of Love Scholarships?

SIGNATURE

I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Cell:



DIOCESAN WIDE SPIRIT OF LOVE HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of birth:

School:

Church:

School you plan to attend:

School Address:

Home Address:

City:

State/Zip:

Home Phone:

Where did you hear or read about the Spirit of Love Scholarships?

SIGNATURE

I certify that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant:

Date:

Email:

Cell Phone:

Parent's Name:

Parent's Cell:



COMMUNITY SERVICE

Agency	Duties	Approx. Dates	Hours

Signature of Applicant:

Date:



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

To be considered for a Spirit of Love Scholarship, all documents **along with this Application Checklist must be submitted** via email to scholarships@rebekahleahrivera.org **and** received by 11:59 P.M. CST on **February 1, 2026.**

- ☐ Completed, signed and dated Spirit of Love Application
- ☐ Parish registration verification letter on Church letterhead signed by the parish pastor or secretary **
- ☐ Completed volunteer information sheet
- ☐ An official school transcript **
- ☐ A recent non-copyrighted photo of yourself
- ☐ At least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, priest, youth minister, club, or organization sponsor **
- ☐ Your written essay

Signature of Applicant

Date

If your school or parish prefers to email the transcript, parish verification letter and/or recommendation letter(s) directly, they must also be submitted via email by 11:59 P.M. CST on **February 1, 2026.

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