



PALM BEACH DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

an affiliate of the National Council of Catholic Women

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"Joy Springs from a Grateful Heart"

January 2026

Dear Parents, Grandparents and/or Guardians:

The Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (PBDCCW) is again pleased to offer the Fr. Clem Hammerschmitt One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00) Catholic High School Scholarship Award for the academic year 2026-2027. PBDCCW has been offering scholarships to outstanding young Catholic women for over fifteen years. Three scholarships are awarded each year to one young lady from each of the three Deaneries within the Diocese of Palm Beach who is planning to attend one of the Palm Beach Diocese three Catholic High Schools in the Fall of 2026 as an *incoming freshman*. The Scholarship Awards will be presented to each recipient at the PBDCCW Annual Meeting in May 2026.

The application to apply for this Scholarship is attached to this letter. Please note the Criteria Checklist on the first page. **All *fully completed applications must be received no later than March 15, 2026***, so that the Scholarship Committee can review and choose a recipient from each Deanery. Incomplete applications will not be considered. It is difficult to keep track of each applicant's information if parts are submitted separately.

The completed application can be mailed to Ellen Wagner at 143 Berenger Walk, Wellington, Florida 33414, or emailed to pbdccwscholarship@gmail.com. If emailing your completed application, please include the applicant's full name and the word "Scholarship" in the subject line.

It is never too early to start putting together all the information needed!

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Ellen Wagner

PBDCCW Scholarship Chairperson

Attachments

A letter may accompany the independent recommendation, but completion of the form RECOMMENDATIONS is required. No more than 3 will be considered.

**The Fr. Clem Hammerschmitt
Palm Beach Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
\$1,000.00 High School Scholarship Award 2026**

APPLICANT PROFILE (Please Print.)

Applicant's Name _____ **Date of Birth** _____

First

Middle

Last

Parent's/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

City

Zip Code

Telephone _____

Elementary/Jr. High schools attended. _____

List complete details of following information, e.g.; amount of time spent; description of involvement, responsibilities.

If you require additional space, please use reverse side of this paper.

Hobbies:(Sports, Music, Art, Drama) _____

Parish Involvement (youth groups, ministries, volunteer)

School Activities and Awards (student government, clubs, and class officer).

Is there a course in which you are interested?

How did you find out about this scholarship? - Through your Parish, School Guidance Office, or a member of the Council of Catholic Women.

PLEASE PRINT IN 200 WORDS OR LESS YOUR VALUES AND GOALS AS A CATHOLIC STUDENT AND HOW THEY HAVE INFLUENCED YOUR CHOICE OF SCHOOL. (You may attach a typed copy.)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation for:

Applicant's Name _____

Parish/School _____

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Your evaluation and comments will help facilitate the selection process.**

Please evaluate the applicant as follows, using a point scale of 1-10, with 10 being the highest score.

MATURITY _____

INTEGRITY _____

ATTITUDE _____

LEADERSHIP _____

**ACADEMIC
MOTIVATION** _____

**OVERALL
ASSESSMENT** _____

Summary comments describing this applicant.

Please state how long you have known this applicant and why she is worthy of this scholarship.

Please print your name _____ **Relationship to applicant** _____

Signature _____ **Telephone number** _____

**SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS TO STUDENT/FAMILY FOR INCLUSION IN APPLICANT'S
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CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

This is to certify that:

and/or her family is/are a registered and active member(s) of this parish.

Reverend

Pastor

Church of

Phone

Date

**FULLY COMPLETED
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MUST BE RECEIVED
NO LATER THAN
March 15, 2026**

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS
TO:**

**ELLEN WAGNER
PBDCCW HS Scholarship Chairman
143 Berenger Walk, Wellington, FL 33414
Or EMAIL
pbdccwscholarship@gmail.com
Please indicate Scholarship and
Applicant's Full Name in the Subject Line**