

VENERABLE PIERRE TOUSSAINT SCHOLARSHIP

REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for a Venerable Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Award, an applicant must:

- A. Be a member of an Archdiocesan parish, active in parish/community affairs and submit a **letter of recommendation** from his/her pastor/priest.
- B. Be a graduating senior from a Catholic, private or public high school in the Archdiocese.
- C. Show academic achievement/promise, supported by a **transcript and letter of recommendation** from a teacher and/or guidance counselor.
- D. Submit a 2012 Pierre Toussaint **Scholarship Application Form**, by the required deadline. (Application form may be obtained by contacting the Office of Black Ministry at (646) 794-2681.)
- E. Submit an **essay** (typed) of approximately 300-500 words on one of four topics that are listed on the application. The essay must demonstrate a basic knowledge of the life of **Venerable Pierre Toussaint**. (Please note that Pierre Toussaint IS NOT the same person as Toussaint L'Overture. Applicants who confuse that fact in their essays will be deemed ineligible!)
- F. Demonstrate good character and leadership abilities, both in school and the community.
- G. Be available for a personal interview during the selection process should such an interview be deemed necessary by the committee.

The completed application form, together with transcript, letter(s) of recommendation and the essay, should be sent or delivered to the Office of Black Ministry at the following address: **Office of Black Ministry – 1011 First Avenue, 7th Floor, New York, New York 10022**. The decision of the Office of Black Ministry Commission, upon recommendation of the OBM Education Committee, is final. Scholarship recipients will be notified during mid-spring and will receive their awards at a Mass and social gathering in July 2012. (Participation is required.)

N.B. In order to receive the award, the candidate must ultimately be accepted to a college or university and have taken the necessary steps toward enrollment.

APPLICATIONS FOR 2012 AWARDS MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE OFFICE OF BLACK MINISTRY OR POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012.

Office of Black Ministry
Venerable Pierre Toussaint Scholarship
2012 Application Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Student's Name _____
(Last) (First) (MI)

Home Address _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Parent/Guardian's _____
Name (Last) (First) (MI)

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____
_____ Work/Cell Phone _____

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish _____ Pastor _____

Parish Address _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

High School Presently Attending:

Name Address Dates

Elementary School Attended:

Name Address Dates

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ADDITIONAL REQUIRED INFORMATION

All information in response to the following areas must be typed. These responses should be addressed on separate sheet(s) of paper with applicant's full name on each sheet. (As an alternative, if any of the requested information is available on an applicant's Student Activity Resume, the resume itself may be submitted as a response to these areas.)

1. Please list and describe any extra-curricular activities that you have participated in while attending high school. State any offices held, the length of your membership and any awards or special recognition you have received.
2. Please list and describe significant contributions you have made to your church and/or community organizations and any civic awards or special recognition you have received. Indicate any positions you have held.
3. To what colleges, trade schools or post-secondary training programs have you applied? (Please indicate if you've been accepted at any of the indicated schools as of the date of your application).
4. Please list academic awards or honors you have received during high school or expect to receive upon graduation.
5. Indicate your career interests.

ESSAY

In an essay of approximately 300-500 words (typed, 12-font and double spaced), discuss one of the following, while demonstrating a basic knowledge of the life of Venerable Pierre Toussaint:

1. As a Christian today, how can you incorporate (or how have you already tried to incorporate) the values of Venerable Pierre Toussaint in your life?
2. What does it mean to you to give tribute to the legacy of Venerable Pierre Toussaint?
3. Imagine that you were a student who received an education with the assistance of funds provided by the Venerable Pierre Toussaint himself. Imagine also that you had an opportunity to meet him after graduation (from high school or college – you decide). What would you say to him?