



The “Semper Fi” Scholarship
at
Mount de Sales Academy

The “Semper Fi” Scholarship is established in memory of the many Marines who have remained “always faithful” to God, country and the Corps, and to acknowledge and support those Catholic families who have been faithful to living their Catholic faith. This faithfulness is understood in the traditional sense of keeping the Ten Commandments and observing the Precepts of the Church.

The donations to this designated “Semper Fi” Scholarship are by a donor who chooses to remain anonymous and from other sources as may occur. The gifts to the Scholarship Fund are to be used for the awarding of annual scholarships according to the criteria established, and to build a designated “Semper Fi” Scholarship Fund for the perpetual continuation of the Scholarship. The first awards were given for the 2015-2016 academic year.

The founder of the “Semper Fi” Scholarship sits on the Awards Committee for this Scholarship as desired, along with other members as designated by Mount de Sales Academy.

The Committee may determine the size of the award(s) on an annual basis depending on the number of qualified applicants and other conditions, such as financial need, unique contributions to the parish community, etc. A student may receive this Scholarship in any year of her education, and it is renewable upon an annual application.

The above are the terms under which this Scholarship is established and under which terms contributions are made.



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Very often when U. S. Marines take leave of one another or sign off on a message, they say *Semper Fi*. It is an abbreviation of their motto *Semper Fidelis*, which means “Always Faithful”. In memory of the many Marines who have remained “always faithful” to God, country, and the Corps, and one another, this scholarship is established for those Catholic families who have been faithful to the Catholic Church. In addition to keeping the Ten Commandments, a faithful Catholic keeps the precepts or laws of the Church, namely:

- Attending Mass and resting from servile labor on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation;
- Confessing one’s sins at least once a year;
- Receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter Season;
- Observing the days of fast and abstinence established by the Church; and
- Helping to provide for the needs of the Church.

The scholarship process involves the completion of an application along with supporting documents from the Parish and the Pastor that evidence a commitment to living their Catholic faith. Essays from the parent and the student about the importance of living their Catholic faith including Mass attendance, going to confession, observing fast and abstinence days and involvement in parish organization and activities are also included.

The scholarship award is made on an annual basis upon the application and the completion of FACTS Tuition Assistance forms. A student may receive this scholarship in any year of her education and it is renewable upon an annual basis. A committee comprised of the donor and Mount de Sales administration will determine the annual awardees.

Applications are due to the Mount de Sales Academy Business Office no later than January 1, 2019. Award notifications will be sent in mid-February 2019 to all students (notifications for incoming freshmen will be included in the MDSA acceptance packet).



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**Semper Fi Scholarship
Parent Essay**

**How do you live and model your Catholic faith to
your children? (200 words maximum)**

Name: _____

Date: _____



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**Semper Fi Scholarship
Student Essay**

**How do you demonstrate your Catholic faith in your
life? (200 words maximum)**

Name: _____

Date: _____



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Semper Fi Scholarship APPLICATION

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Other Children (List Names)	Age	School

Parish: _____

Pastor: _____

Involved in Parish in the following ways:



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**Semper Fi Scholarship
Parish/Pastor's Reference**

Parish: _____

To the best of your knowledge:

- 1) The way the family has shared their Time, Talents, Treasures with our Parish:

Time: (indicate involvement with Parish programs and events)

Talent: (indicate particular skills/services performed for the Parish)

Treasures: (number of weekends (not envelopes) one or more envelopes were placed in the collection over past 12 months. _____

- 2) Does the family regularly attend Mass on Sundays, Holy Days, and receive the Sacraments?

- Sundays
 January 1, Solemnity of Mary
 August 15, Assumption of Mary
 November 1, All Saints Day
 December 8, Immaculate Conception
 December 25, Christmas

- 3) Family parish support of School and Religious Education

Parish Seal: _____

Signature of Pastor: _____

Date: _____