



# **HAYDEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN LIFESTYLES GRANT - 2022-2023 REQUIREMENTS**

In an effort to continue to foster a culture of faith, a spirit of hospitality, and work to fulfill the mission of our school, Hayden Catholic High School will award a deserving student a \$1,700 grant each year while a part of the Hayden Community.

## **HISTORY**

Over 25 years ago the Topeka Catholic Schools Institute established the Christian Lifestyle Grant to provide financial assistance to an outstanding student each year. The goal was to give students an opportunity to nurture spirituality in the sense of giving. Historically it has been the only merit based scholarship that Hayden offered. It has always been at the core of Hayden's mission to award this grant based on Christian leadership.

## **PURPOSE**

The Christian Lifestyle Grant encourages students to take an active role in their Catholic formation during their high school years. Recipients will be mentored by Faith Formation staff to help develop gifts that will further help the mission of Hayden Catholic High School, the Catholic culture and the future of the Catholic Church.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Applicants must meet the following requirements to apply:

- Current 8th grade student. They do NOT need to be from a Catholic school.
- Available to students both in Topeka and outside of the city.
- Active in parish life and a sincere commitment to a robust faith life.
- Be able to demonstrate a commitment to Christian Service in his/her community.
- Have at least a cumulative grade point average (including first semester of 8th grade year) of a 2.8 (C+).

Grant recipients will be responsible for the following during their time at Hayden:

- Maintain a 3.0 grade point average throughout high school and follow all the rules and regulations of Hayden Catholic High School including attendance and discipline.
- Participation in a school devotional and/or Sacrament once a week.
- Monthly mentorship meeting with Theology Department Head, Coordinator of Faith Formation, Chaplain, or Campus Minister.
- Complete a reflection essay at the end of each year to maintain the grant.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Complete the 2022-2023 Christian Lifestyles Grant Application Google Form by Monday, March 21st at 3:30 PM.
  - **GRANT APPLICATION LINK:** <https://forms.gle/gh9zYDVkBDzkL8DZ7>
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from a current/former teacher or pastor.
  - Have the teacher or pastor submit the letter of recommendation to Mrs. Janet Schumacher ([schumacherj@haydencatholic.net](mailto:schumacherj@haydencatholic.net)) via email by Monday, March 21st.
- Submit a list of service hours that demonstrates a strong commitment to serving your community.
  - Students may include Confirmation hours in their application. Please indicate the hours completed for Confirmation.
  - Service does not need to be with an organization.
  - Please include Date, Number of Hours, Task(s) Description, and if you used them for Confirmation Hours. See example chart on application.
- In a one page essay please respond to ONE of the following prompts:
  - How does your relationship with Jesus impact your life on a daily basis?
  - Describe a time you shared your faith with another individual.
  - Describe a time when you had to overcome an obstacle in life and how your faith played a role.
- The grant will be awarded based on:
  - The combined estimation of the student's character based on the essay and letter of recommendation.
  - The service commitment to community, parish, and especially those most vulnerable.
  - An exceptional amount of service. These are the hours that exceed the Confirmation requirement.
  - The needs of your family. Please note that we have other opportunities for financial aid. See FACTS on Hayden's Website: <https://haydencatholic.org/admissions/scholarships/>