

## Marsden Scholarship Application Checklist

### READ THIS CAREFULLY

→Read **before** starting the application form:

- This application is for a new scholarship for the 2025-2026 academic year.
- **Forms must be completed on-line. The application form *must* be completed in one session. It *cannot be saved* and revisited.**
- Based on experience, some applicants will not follow the directions completely and will not be considered. Don't be one of those!
- If you have questions, email us: cathedraladmin@stjohns-cathedral.org

→Obtain the following, as you will need to upload them on the application: Ask your guidance counselor for help if you have questions.

- Transcript for any for-credit college courses (as PDF).
- Testing service reports of SAT and/or ACT scores (as PDF). *We will accept a screen shot that includes your name, date, and scores. We look at the best scores ("superscore") so send them all.*
  - *NOTE: We are aware some colleges don't require these tests and you may not have a score to report. We **request** this information, but **don't require** it.*
- Your College Application Essay (as PDF). *Note that we want this so that we have a better sense of who you are and what your aspirations are. The Committee weighs these essays heavily when considering candidates. We hope and expect that you already wrote something like this for a college application. If you haven't or would like to submit something different, please write an essay that lets us know who you are, what you care about, and what you strive for in your life. Remember that writing well counts!*
- Your Expected Financial Contribution from the FAFSA
- How you plan to pay for college, including any scholarships you expect to be awarded

→Prepare the following in advance so you can copy and paste into the form:

- Up to 10 academic awards and honors (with dates) *in order of importance to you.*
- Up to 10 activities in school and community, including employment and volunteer work, which define you as a person (limit 500 characters) *in order of importance to you.*
- Describe an experience that illustrates what sets you apart as an applicant for the Marsden Scholarship and tell us how the experience influenced you. (limit 1250 characters)

→Arrange for three people to provide references and email each the applicable reference form, using the link at the bottom of the application form. *The Committee uses these references to understand you as a student and as a person.*

- Reference #1 must be the person from your school who wrote your college counselor recommendation. They will use the Counselor Reference Form. If you have questions about this, ask your college counselor or email us.
- Reference #2 should be another teacher, advisor or other school official, using the general Reference Form.
- Reference #3 should be someone from the community who knows you through some activity outside school, using the general Reference Form.

**All submissions must be received by 11:59 p.m. on March 15.**

Awards will be announced in late April.