

San Damiano Scholarship Application

Eight centuries ago in the Italian town of Assisi, 80 miles north of Rome, a young man named Francis prayed in the crumbling little church of San Damiano. As Francis knelt before the crucifix, he heard Christ speak: "Francis, go and rebuild my church, which is falling down." Soon, Francis understood that the voice called him to rebuild not the physical structure, but the Church—the body of believers.

At Marian University, our mission is to be a "Catholic university dedicated to excellent teaching and learning in the Franciscan and liberal arts traditions." As St. Francis was called to rebuild the Church, so we believe that it is part of our responsibility to prepare students for ordained ministry or religious life, for lay leadership, and for careers pursued in light of the call to service from God.

In this spirit, we established the "Rebuild My Church" program in 2003. It is a multifaceted program that includes scholarships, coursework, guest speakers, pilgrimages, community service opportunities, internships, retreats, and more.

**"I have done my part, may Christ teach you to do yours."
- St. Francis of Assisi**

If you have not yet applied for admission, please do so as soon as possible.

Part 1 - Personal Information

Legal Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address _____

City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone (include area code) _____

Cell Phone (include area code) _____ Can you receive text messages? Y N May we text you? Y N

E-Mail Address _____

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Intended College Major _____

High School Information

High School _____

City _____ State _____

Parish Information

Parish Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Pastor's Name _____

Youth Minister's Name _____

Diocese _____

Part 2 - Nominators' Information

All applications must include nominations from two individuals who can attest to your participation in community, church leadership activities, and your spiritual life. They may nominate you by mail or online at www.marian.edu/rmc.

1. Name _____ Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

2. Name _____ Title _____

E-Mail Address _____

Part 3 - Activities Resumé

If needed, type your responses on separate sheets of paper and staple pages to this application. Note any offices held, honors, and awards received. Please list the activities and number of years you are/have been involved with in your:

a. Parish/Church/Faith Community

b. Community

c. School

Part 4 - Reflection Questions

Describe your involvement in service activities.

Describe a significant service activity in which you have participated. Be sure to include who was involved, what occurred, where it happened, and how it occurred.

If possible, think of a relevant scripture passage or religious lore and explain how it relates to your service activity. Briefly discuss what insights you learned and how this service activity may have affected your life and the possible direction of your life.

God requested Francis of Assisi to "Rebuild My Church." How would you interpret this request for your own life and for your own faith community?

Briefly reflect on your calling for a deeper life with God.

Briefly describe your aspirations and career plans upon graduation from college.

Persuasive Essay: Why do you want to be a San Damiano Scholar? Please provide a minimum of 250 words.

Part 5 - Nomination Form

To complete your application, please have **two individuals** complete the San Damiano Scholarship nomination forms. They should mail or e-mail their nomination forms separately from your materials. At least one of your nominations should come from someone who can attest to your participation in community and church leadership activities.

Part 6 - Mailing Instructions

Application and materials have to be postmarked by December 15, 2009.

Sign, date, and mail the application to the following address:

"Rebuild My Church"
San Damiano Scholarship
Marian University
3200 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, In 46222-1997

I hereby certify that the information given in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. Misrepresentation of any statement may be considered sufficient reason for refusal of the application. If accepted as a San Damiano Scholar, I agree to abide by the policies, philosophy of conduct, and expectations of Marian University.

Signature

Date

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Marian University does not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, age, disability, national origin, or creed in the administration of any of its policies.



Keep this page for your records.

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Indianapolis

Date application sent to Marian University _____

SAN DAMIANO SCHOLARS IMPORTANT DATES 2009-10

2009

September 1	Applications available online at www.marian.edu/rmc
September 19	University Fall Preview Day
December 15	Applications due

2010

February 20 or 28	San Damiano Scholar interviews
March 6	San Damiano Scholarships awarded
April 7	Deadline for accepting San Damiano Scholarships
April 16	Early registration for fall semester and new San Damiano Scholars Luncheon, Wheeler-Stokely Mansion, 11:45 a.m.
April 23	Student Orientation and Registration
August 9	Move-in day for San Damiano Scholars
	Reception for San Damiano Scholars
August 23	Fall classes begin

After your application is received, here is what to expect:

1. You will receive an e-mail informing you that your application has been received.
2. A screening committee will review all completed applications and will forward names of qualified applicants to the interview team.
3. Qualified candidates will be scheduled for an on-campus interview either February 20 or February 28.
4. San Damiano Scholar nominees will be notified of scholarship award in March.

What to expect with the on-campus interview:

1. Prospective San Damiano Scholars will participate in a group interview as well as be interviewed by a team composed of admission counselors, professors, administrators, and program staff. Plan to spend the day for the on-campus interview.
2. Prospective San Damiano Scholars will be asked questions in the following areas:
 - a. Community involvement
 - b. Academics
 - c. Faith community involvement
 - d. Community service

Please note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. Be sure to complete the entire application before mailing. Once mailed, incomplete applications will not be returned.

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SAN DAMIANO SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

Students working toward lay leadership positions in the church; teaching in parochial schools; working in religiously affiliated healthcare, religiously affiliated not-for-profits, ordained ministry, or religious life; and serving their church in significant volunteer capacity are eligible to become San Damiano Scholars. San Damiano Scholars may choose from any of the 36 majors at Marian University. In some cases, students will have two or even three majors. A likely career for students in the San Damiano Scholars Program includes pastoral ministry, youth ministry, religious education, music ministry, parish/church business management, vowed religious, ordained ministry, teacher, nurse, physician, physical therapist, psychologist, social worker, and artist.

San Damiano Scholarships are open to students of any faith tradition. Applicants must also apply for admission and be accepted to Marian University in order for the San Damiano Scholarship application to be considered.

ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

- Minimum GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale and 1050 SAT or 22 ACT score
- Demonstrated service to others
- Church or religious involvement
- Committee approval

CO-CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

- Participation in monthly meetings
- Participation in annual retreats
- Ongoing church, campus, or religious involvement (eight hours/month)
- Assisi, Italy experience (optional)
- Other domestic or international experiences
- Domestic service opportunities (internship after sophomore year)

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

- 2.50 GPA cumulative
- Successfully complete THL 270 "The Franciscan Person" coursework
- Degree requirements/theological exploration of vocation curricular requirements:
 - Students majoring in Catholic studies, pastoral leadership, religious education, and theology need 36 hours of theology courses.
 - Education majors need a minimum of 13 hours of theology courses.
 - Nursing majors need a minimum of 14-15 hours of theology courses.
 - Business majors need 22 hours of theology courses.
 - All other majors need 22 hours of theology courses.
- Service learning

POST-GRADUATE EXPECTATIONS

- Church-related employment or significant volunteer service in a religious organization
- Ongoing involvement in the "Rebuild My Church" program

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AWARDS AND HONORS OF SAN DAMIANO SCHOLAR ALUMNI

- Latin Honors (*Summa Cum Laude* 3.8 or higher GPA; *Magna Cum Laude*, 3.7 GP; *Cum Laude*, 3.5 GPA)
- Who's Who Among American College Students
- NAIA Daktronics All-American Scholar Athlete
- Honors Program
- Departmental Awards (Education, Music, Nursing, Psychology)
- Senior Class Award
- Outstanding Freshman Award
- John Sweany Maid and Knight of Marian Memorial Spirit Award
- Campus Ministry Christian Service Award
- Alumni Association Distinguished Senior Award