

THE ANGELA MESSANA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

WHAT IS IT: A \$500.00 award. The money will be sent directly to the school and may be applied to either tuition or extracurricular fees of the child receiving the award.

WHO MAY APPLY: Immaculate Conception Parish [Stony Point, NY] 8th graders who have been accepted to a Catholic High School or any Immaculate Conception [Stony Point, NY] parishioners who are currently attending a Catholic High School as first, second or third year students.

HOW TO APPLY: Fill out the tear off sheet below and attach it to an essay of no less than 300 words and no more than 500 words on the following theme: "Why I chose to attend a Catholic High School". Please include information about what you expect to learn and experience in a Catholic high school that you would not in a public high school. If you are already a student at a Catholic High School, please explain the impact that attending a Catholic High School has had on your life.

HISTORY: In 1919, Angela Messana, the grandmother of the donor, was awarded a full scholarship to attend the Catholic high school run by the order of nuns teaching in her parish elementary school. Unfortunately, her family could not permit her to accept the scholarship since they needed her income. She was required, at the age of 13, to work as a seamstress in a sweatshop. Her older brothers were permitted to continue their education. In those unenlightened days, it was considered more important for boys to receive an education than for girls to do so. Angela Messana regretted that missed opportunity to the end of her life though she bore no ill will towards her parents ... she simply accepted the economic reality of her family's situation. In her memory, her grandchild has donated this award.

DEADLINE: All essays must be received by May 30, 2012. Winner[s] will be announced in June of 2012. Mail your essays to Mrs. Regina Doherty, CRE, Immaculate Conception Parish Religious Education Program, 24 East Main Street, Stony Point, NY 10980. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Doherty at 845-786-5298 or by e-mailing immaculatereled@verizon.net.

Good luck to all applicants.

Regina A. Doherty, CRE

Name of Student: _____

Parents' Names: _____ Tel. #: _____

Address: _____ Town/State/Zip Code: _____

Name of Catholic H. S. the Student will be/is now attending: _____

Address of Catholic H.S.: _____

Name of School Admissions Officer/Bursar: _____ Tel. #: _____