

The Leo J. and Gabriella A. Slivinski Scholarship

Dedication

Leo and Gabriella both served in the United States Army during World War II, Leo as combat infantry, who received two purple heart decorations, Gabriella as a nurse serving the wounded. Neither Leo nor Gabriella had the opportunity to complete a University course of study, although they both had talents to be nurtured and developed by formal education. Leo had an aptitude for mathematics and music. Gabriella was dedicated to patient care and skilled in assisting medical staff.

The Scholarship Recipient

The student who receives this scholarship will be the son or daughter of parents who never attended or graduated from a College or University. This scholarship is primarily intended to provide an educational foundation for a student who will be the first in the family to achieve a University degree.

The student will also demonstrate a strong aptitude and basic analytical skills in the areas of mathematics and the physical and computer sciences, and a commitment to pursue a career working productively in these methods of inquiry.

Qualifying Standards

To be considered for this scholarship, please submit the following by March 15, 2024:

1. A summary of projects and courses completed related to mathematics, computer science or the physical sciences, e. g., science fair projects, hobby pursuits, or part-time work experiences.
2. The student's personal statement explaining the scope of interest and career objectives in mathematics, computer science, or the physical sciences.
3. Letters of recommendation from individuals who have knowledge and experience concerning the student's aptitude for and accomplishments in mathematics, computer science, or the physical sciences.
4. Scranton Preparatory School Entrance Exam results and provided transcripts will be included in the application file and used as a basis to award the scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded for a single academic year subject to renewal based on the student achieving an average greater than or equal to 80% for the completed academic year.

Completed Application Due – March 15, 2024

Submit to financialaid@scrantonprep.org

Guidelines for Qualification standards

Statements from student applicants and letters of recommendation should address the qualification standards with specific details to explain and expand upon general observations.

Student descriptions of experiences with activities related to mathematics, computer and physical sciences should include a detailed summary of each activity, the extent of the student's participation, the learning outcomes, and the final product produced by the activities. In short, what did the student do, what was learned, what were the specific positive outcomes, and why did these activities prompt an interest in a career in mathematics and the sciences?

Recommendation letters should focus on the abilities of the student in the areas of mathematics, computer and physical sciences and provide detailed record and observational evidence that the student has talent and potential suited for development by a rigorous high school curriculum in mathematics and science. The recommendation should also explain why the student recommended excels in the skills related to mathematics, physical and computer science relative to others.

Only one Slivinski family scholarship is awarded each year. Therefore, both student applicants and sponsors should present relevant qualifications with sufficient detail and analysis to provide a full and comprehensive file for final review.