Zidar Family Memorial Scholarship

# Application

The Zidar Family Memorial Scholarship was first established following Owen Zidar’s untimely death on April 24, 1993. It was created by his wife Patricia (Pat) Zidar who passed away on February 1, 2015 and immediate family members and friends. Owen and Pat were parents to nine children: Owen ’75 Rockhurst HS, four Rice graduates – James ’76, Thomas ’86, Frank ’88, John ’91, and four Marian graduates – Patricia Henry ’77, Margaret Treseler ’78, Mary Baur ’81, and Kathy Brady ’83. Owen was a man of great vision. Since his retirement from Ford Motor Company and as Chairman of the Brother Rice High School Board of Directors, his dream was to make Brother Rice the best high school in Michigan.

Pat held that same vision and built on it by creating a scholarship to recognize and foster growth of potential leaders at the same time assisting families with the challenges of funding Catholic education. Pat put her time, talent, and treasure in developing this scholarship over two decades and led the annual selection process since its inception. Pat, a registered nurse and mother of a large family, always made helping others first her top priority. In recognition of her efforts on the Memorial Scholarship, her leadership with the Brother Rice Mothers Club as Past President, and her multiple volunteer roles over the years not only for Brother Rice but also Marian High School and St. Regis School & Parish as well, Pat was inducted in the inaugural Brother Rice Hall of Fame class in 1999.

In both Owen’s and Pat’s memory, their family and friends offer this scholarship to provide one year’s full tuition to an upcoming senior student who exemplifies the qualities they both embodied. These qualities include outstanding leadership, intellectual prowess, strong Christian values, community service, extraordinary work ethic, and personal integrity. Two essential steps in the scholarship process are to accurately complete this application form in its entirety and to request two letters of recommendation be submitted on your behalf. At least one letter must be from a member of the Brother Rice staff, i.e. Teacher, Coach, Counselor. An additional factor in the selection of the scholarship recipient is financial need. Feel free to address this in your application essay.

To be eligible for this scholarship, this application with recommendation letters must be submitted to Mrs. Pappert by Monday, November 23rd, of the applicant’s junior year. Selection of the scholarship recipient will take place within the next eight weeks. If more questions arise, the applicant may be contacted by the selection committee. The Zidar Family Memorial Scholar will be notified in February of his junior year. Brother Rice lost two great friends who had a vision to carry the school well into the 21st century. As a potential scholarship recipient, you may become part of their vision.

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**Personal Information**

**Name (Last, First, Middle)** **Phone**

**Permanent Address**

**Please complete the following information for the two Individuals providing Letters of Recommendation on your behalf.**

**Name Employer Phone Relationship**

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**What Primary School did you attend?**

**Name Father Living Occupation State of Residence Highest Level of Education**

**Name Mother Living Occupation State of Residence Highest Level of Education**

**Guardian (if applicable)**

**Siblings Ages School Attended**

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**Have any members of your family attended Brother Rice or Marian? If so, please indicate year of graduation.**

**What percentage of your tuition do you, as a student, provide?**

**Please include the following information in a Resume Format:**

* **List of all Honors and/or Awards received in high school. (Please include year received)**
* **List all Extra-curricular and/or Community Service activities with which you are involved. (Include positions held)**
* **List all Employment during High School. (Include employer, position, hours per week, and dates of employment).**

**Compose an essay in which you express how you have exemplified the qualities expected of a**

 **Zidar Family Memorial Scholar, such as scholarship, leadership and service. Feel free to elaborate on your past experiences in employment, community service, activities, or athletics.**

**Please limit your essay to 500 words in length and attach it to this application.**

**This application is to be completed in ink and submitted to Mrs. Pappert by Monday December 5**