



GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY
THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

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Dear Student,

Thank you for your application to Georgian Court University. It is my great pleasure to invite you to apply for the Bishop John Smith Scholarship for the Fall 2019 semester in recognition of both academic excellence and service to parish and community in the Diocese of Trenton. This prestigious scholarship has an estimated value of over \$120,000 over four years or approximately \$30,800 per year. The application deadline for this scholarship is February 28, 2019. Finalists will be selected by the review committee and invited to interview. The scholarship winner will be notified by March 15, 2019.

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Have been an active member of a Catholic parish in the Diocese of Trenton with demonstrated service to the parish,
- Have successfully completed at least 16 academic units by the end of senior year and will graduate from high school in May/June 2019,
- Have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.0,
- Have taken the SAT/ACT no later than December of the senior year and achieve a combined (evidence-based reading & writing and mathematics) score of 1000 in the SAT or a composite score of 21 in the ACT, and
- Have received notification of acceptance to Georgian Court University for the Fall 2019 semester.

To apply for the Bishop John Smith Scholarship:

- Complete and return the enclosed application for the Bishop John Smith Scholarship by February 28, 2019.
- Provide a written recommendation describing the student's service to the parish prepared by the pastor of the Catholic church in the Diocese of Trenton of which the student is a member.
- Write an essay (500 words minimum) describing how you are "Living the Mercy Core Values of Respect, Integrity, Compassion, Service, and Justice" with examples from your life.

This award will be renewable for a total of up to eight semesters (fall and spring) of attendance by maintaining a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 and status as a full-time student. The recipient must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by April 15, 2019, to receive this scholarship and by June 1 each subsequent year to renew the scholarship. A part of this scholarship could be funded through federal and state grants. This annual award will be distributed equally—half in the fall semester and half in the spring semester. Please note: the Bishop John Smith Scholarship will supersede any academic merit scholarship previously awarded by Georgian Court University.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at 732-987-2765 or thoward@georgian.edu.

Best wishes,

Tracey Howard-Ubelhoer
Catholic Schools Liason

Enclosure